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# **281st Annual Town Report**



# **STRATHAM**

## **New Hampshire**

*For the year Ending  
December 31, 1997*



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## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THE TOWN OF STRATHAM

### TELEPHONE NUMBERS: (\* denotes an emergency number)

Fire Department (to report fire).....	911*
Fire House business number (not to report fire).....	772-9756
EMS Emergency Number (ambulance).....	911*
Police Department (emergency number).....	911*
Police Department (business number).....	778-9691
Town Clerk/Tax Collector.....	772-4741
Selectmen's Office/Town Administrator.....	772-7391
Highway Department.....	772-5550
Building Inspector/C.E.O.....	772-7391
Wiggin Memorial Library.....	772-4346
Historical Society.....	778-0434
Stratham Memorial School.....	772-5413
Recreation Commission (Debra Bailey).....	772-8847

### TOWN OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Friday: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm (closed holidays)

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOURS:

Tuesdays 9am-11:30am; Thursdays 2pm- 4pm; 1st Sunday of month 2pm-4pm

### STRATHAM TRANSFER STATION HOURS:

Saturdays only 9am - 4pm (winter - November - April, 1st and 3rd Saturdays)

### MEETINGS:

Selectmen's Meetings: Mondays 7:30 pm (except legal holidays)

Volunteer Fire Department: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 8 pm

2nd & 4th Tuesdays Training

4th Tuesday - EMS Training

Planning Board: 1st Wednesday of month - worksession 7:30 pm

3rd Wednesday of month - Public Hearing 7:30 pm

Board of Adjustment: Upon Request

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector: Monday - Friday 9am - 12 noon

Fair Committee: Last Wednesday of Month 7:30 pm at Fire House

Trash & Recycling Collection: Thursday & Friday curbside 7 am

Refer to collection calendar for alternating recycling week.

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**of the**  
**TOWN OF STRATHAM**  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**by the**

Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector,  
Town Treasurer, and other Town Departments,  
Boards and Commissions  
and School Reports

**DECEMBER 31, 1997**

*with the*

**VITAL STATISTICS**  
**FOR 1997**

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**DEDICATED TO  
WINNICUTT GRANGE #170  
1892-1997**

Our community has changed over the years. When many of you moved to Stratham, it was a small farming community. As the number of farms have diminished, so have the things associated with a rural town. One such loss was the civic organization known as the Grange. During the first half of this century, the Grange provided the social and civic foundation for many small towns in New Hampshire. The National Grange held much influence in Washington with one of its major accomplishments being the implementation of rural route mail delivery. On February 13, 1892, the Winnicutt Grange #170 in Stratham was formed with 36 Charter Members. During the next 105 years, its membership grew and it became a very active Grange. Several of its members have served as State Officers and have been appointed to various State Committees.

The Winnicutt Grange performed many community services. Around 1913, the Grange paid for the installation of electric lights for the parsonage. In 1950, desks and chairs for one school room were provided to the School District. During December of 1964, the Winnicutt Grange wrote letters to our U.S. Senators and Representatives in Washington expressing deep concern over the possible closing of the Stratham Post Office. In 1966, the Grange donated \$250 to the 250th Town anniversary celebration. Other acts of service have included sponsoring 4-H clubs, donating eye glasses for school children, furniture for the former Group Home, flags for Stratham Hill Park, and planting the Christmas tree at the Circle. Members have made many pairs of mittens, therapy balls, crutch pads, cast socks, and gifts to the Rockingham Nursing Home, visited and gave rides for shut-ins, and provided bags of food to area soup kitchens.

As the farms gave way to housing developments and farmers moved or passed away, membership in the Winnicutt Grange began to shrink. Sadly, their membership reached a point where a decision was made to disband and their Charter returned to the NH State Grange on November 25, 1997. The remaining members are continuing their membership with Ocean Side Grange #260 of Hampton. The Winnicutt Grange's last contribution to Stratham was the formation of an Educational Trust Fund for the Stratham Elementary School in the amount of \$5,500.00. This sad day passed without much notice. An era has ended in this Town's history. In recognition of their many good works and contributions over many years, we dedicate the 1997 Town Report to the Winnicutt Grange #170. The Grange will be warmly remembered; never forgotten; and the Town thanks all its members through the years for their positive contributions to the community.



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## 1997 TOWN OFFICERS

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Martin Wool	term expires 1998
Stephen J.C. Woods	term expires 1999
William R. Krooss	term expires 2000

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Paul R. Deschaine

### MODERATOR

W. Douglas Scamman, Jr.	term expires 1998
Jerry Howard (appointed assistant)	term expires 1998

### TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Joyce A. Rowe	term expires 1999
Shirley S. Daley, Deputy	
Brenda Mason, Secretary	

### TREASURER

Kenneth F. Lanzillo	term expires 1999
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### CODE ENFORCEMENT/BUILDING INSPECTOR

Terry Barnes  
Elizabeth Bullock, Secretary

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Fred A. Hutton Jr., Highway Agent  
Cameron Sewall  
Russell Stevens  
Donald Dubbs

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief, Robert O. Law  
First Assistant Chief, R. Stanley Walker  
Second Assistant Chief, Fred Hutton Jr.  
Captain, Kevin Rowe  
Captain, Christopher Rowe, Jr.  
Lt. Timothy Mason  
Lt. Jeffrey DiBartolomeo  
Lt. David Emanuel  
Lt. Bryan Crosby  
Chief Steward, Alan Scholtz  
Rescue Captain, Paul Plazeski  
Rescue Lt. Dawn Jordan



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief, Michael J. Daley  
Lt. Carlton Spaulding  
Sgt. Richard Wood  
Cpl. David Pierce  
Cpl. Richard Gendron  
Peter Bakie  
Michael Gobbi  
Maria Georgacopoulos, Secretary  
Michael DiCroce, Prosecutor

## On Call Officers:

Donald Andolina  
Bradley Hutchings  
Kevin Walsh  
Steven Wheeler  
David Gilbert  
Tanya Lampi

## HEALTH OFFICER

Dr. Steven R. Roth

## SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK LIST

William Jeralds  
Susan Hunter  
Barbara Battis

term expires 2001  
term expires 2000  
term expires 2002

## TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Kathryn Bickford  
Victor Collinino  
Gordon Barker

term expires 1998  
term expires 2000  
term expires 1999

## OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Stephen H. Flink, Director

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Michael Sullivan, Director  
Carol Gulla  
William Clapp  
Helen LaFave  
Connie Gilman  
Lisa Scamman

term expires 1998  
term expires 1998  
term expires 1999  
term expires 2000  
term expires 2000

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE

George R. Brown  
Kenneth F. Lanzillo  
Lucy Cushman

term expires 1998  
term expires 2000  
term expires 1999

## PLANNING BOARD

John A. Hutton III, Chairman	term expires 1998
Joseph Derwiecki	term expires 1999
Fay Rubin	term expires 1998
Kirk Scamman	term expires 1998
Stephen J.C. Woods, Selectmen's Rep.	
George Miller, Alternate	term expires 2000
Michael Keane, Alternate	term expires 2000

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Neil Rowe, Chairman	term expires 1998
Christopher Rowe, Sr., Vice Chairman	term expires 2000
George D. Cooper	term expires 2000
Dwight Crow	term expires 1999
Bruce Barker	term expires 1998
Graeme Mann, Alternate	term expires 2000
Joseph Downey, Alternate	term expires 1999
Karen Abrami, Alternate	term expires 1998

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Gordon Barker, Chairman	term expires 2000
James Cushman, Vice Chairman	term expires 1998
Patricia Elwell	term expires 1999
Gerald Batchelder	term expires 1998
Garvase White	term expires 1999
Larry Morse	term expires 2000
William R. Krooss, Selectmen's Rep.	
Robert Keating	term expires 1999

## RECREATION COMMISSION

Debra Bailey, Chairman	term expires 1998
Michael Maskwa	term expires 1998
Kevin Rowe	term expires 2000
Kenneth Rowe	term expires 1998
Laura Batchelder	term expires 2000
Brad Little	term expires 1999
Louis Gobin	term expires 2000
Caren Gallagher	term expires 1999
Kevin Peck	term expires 1999

## BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kathryn Bickford	Victor Collinino
Elisabeth Gobin	June Sawyer
James Scamman, Sr.	Jane Marmontello



## MOSQUITO COMMISSION

Martin Wool

Cameron Sewall

## HERITAGE COMMISSION

James Scamman, Jr.

term expires 1998

Helen LaFave

term expires 1999

Stephen J.C. Woods, Selectmen's Rep.

Kirk Scamman, Planning Board Rep.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Keith Johnson

term expires 2000

Stella Scamman

term expires 2000

J. Worth Slade

term expires 1999

Stephen Horlacher

term expires 1999

Robert Holmes

term expires 1998

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

It is that time again to report to you the activities and changes that have occurred in Town over the past year.

After Town Meeting, when we welcomed Bill Krooss to the Board, we began the process of hiring an additional secretary and custodian for the Municipal Center. Both positions have been filled and we feel that the additional help has made the office more efficient and better maintained.

On the legal front, we have finally settled our dispute with Hampton Water Works with the town getting a much more comprehensive monitoring program than was proposed by the water company. This program will protect the aquifer as much as possible along with the wells of the homes in the general area of the production well. An outgrowth of this dispute was the formation of a watch dog group called NH Waterwatch, which has become involved in state water issues and legislation. As for our continuing dispute with the proposed bargaining unit, we have appealed the certification of the union to the State Supreme Court and are waiting for a hearing and decision. The Planning Board's concerns with Audley's gravel operations have also been resolved with the continuing monitoring of the water table and extensive safety measures concerning the trucking of gravel. The Planning Board will be continuing their Site Plan Review of any of their future projects.

The two new commission/committees which were formed after Town Meeting have been busy getting organized and focused on their goals. The Economic Development Committee has been working on goals and trends with a focus on the vitalization of the proposed new commercial zone behind Stratham Tire and at the Industrial Park. Working with the developers and the State Economic Development Agency, they hope to attract the best businesses to our town which will help balance the tax burden. We were all pleased to welcome American Soltec Inc., a research and development company, to the Industrial Park. They are building a large building and will employ about 100 people.

The Heritage Commission has focused on updating and re-writing the town history. They have asked for some funds to purchase computer equipment to help them with the extensive research needed to fulfill their goal.

The Master Plan Review Committee has been working all year updating and re-writing the Master Plan and have proposed to the Planning Board a change in the Office Research Park Zone to include Light Industrial and Commercial Uses. This change hopefully will move some of the commercial pressure off of Portsmouth Avenue and provide some much needed tax relief.

This past summer, in order to extend the life of our ever increasing road system the Highway Department experimented with a crack sealing system. By all accounts, it seems

to have been a success and we plan on a more extensive program this coming summer. With new roads comes more drainage swales that need to be maintained to keep the water moving both away from the roads and homes. In the past we have rented equipment to do this maintenance. We feel it is now time to purchase a backhoe to do this work ourselves and not be held to a contractor's schedule. This machine will also be available during the winter to help with snow removal.

The Police Department is hiring a new officer to help them set up a community policing program, which will get the police out into the community, the schools, civic groups and clubs. Our cruiser leasing program is working well, as our maintenance is down and we are able to rotate the cars which extends their life.

The Wiggin Memorial Library continues to be the most exciting place in town with its extensive children's programs, film rentals and chess night, drawing many people to this great source of fun and information. If you haven't tried the library, we recommend it!

Down at the Fire House, the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department personnel have just welcomed their new forestry/first response truck. The addition of this truck will take some of the load off of our first response engine. In anticipation of the replacement of our current fire trucks the department is requesting a capital reserve fund be established to help pay for the ever increasing cost of new fire trucks.

Stratham Hill Park continues to be a popular place as more and more people take advantage of our most treasured resource. Unfortunately, the lookout tower was damaged this past summer when the wooden top deck and building were burned. The Stratham Hill Park Association has undertaken the rebuilding of this historical point of our Park. No wood will be used and the tower will be safer for use as a lookout. The Association is in need of funds to complete this project. Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

This past year we did some extensive work at the Municipal Center. The roof has been completed and we expect no more leaks. A new sound system is being installed in the meeting rooms and large meeting hall. We also now have an automatic assist door at the entrance to comply with the A.D.A. The old town hall has been sold and is now on the tax rolls. In our Town Office we hope to do some renovations to accommodate our new secretary and provide space for the Building Inspector and Town Administrator. We are also committed to remove and replace the underground oil tank at the Municipal Center. This will be expensive, but needs to be accomplished this summer to meet the State and Federal deadlines.

We are excited to propose to you the purchase of the Stevens property on Bunker Hill Avenue next to our Highway Department. This great opportunity will give us about 22 acres of land for the expansion of the Highway Department and much needed recreational land for ball fields and a possible future recreation building. The Recreation Department has been providing baseball, soccer, basketball, and softball programs to

hundreds of Stratham children. All of these programs need fields and space. The Stevens property will provide this needed space for the future. For our kids as well as ourselves, we urge you to vote the money to purchase this great opportunity.

As you can see we have had a busy year. All this activity was accomplished with a lower Town tax rate. This was due in part to the sale of the old town hall, frugal fiscal spending and a committed work force who worked hard to provide good services for the least amount of money.

We look forward to continuing serving you in the year to come, and thank you for your trust and support.

Martin Wool  
Stephen J.C. Woods  
William R. Krooss

Board of Selectmen



## MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING

MARCH 11, 1997

The following people were sworn in as ballot clerks by the Town Clerk; Lucy Cushman, Annette Carter, Barbara Mann and Stella Scamman at 7:45 AM. W. Douglas Scamman, Jr. and Jerry Howard were sworn in as Assistant Moderators for the Exeter Cooperative School District by the Town Clerk who had previously been sworn in as Clerk for the Exeter Cooperative School District by the District Clerk. The Exeter Cooperative School District ballots were counted with a total count of 2026, the official town ballots were counted with a count of 1509. The number of people on the checklist at the opening of the polls was 4162. Six people registered with the Supervisors of the Checklist during the polling hours making a total of 4168 registered voters at the close of the polls. The Moderator, W. Douglas Scamman, opened the polls at 8AM with the reading of the warrant articles to be voted on by ballot.

The following are the results of the balloting: An \* denotes the candidate elected.  
Selectman for Three Years: William Day 391, William R. Krooss 453\*  
Trustee of the Trust Funds For Three Years (Vote for Two): Sandra Bosinger 175, Connie Gilman 293\*, Rosemarie J. Hutchings 151, Joni Kling 233, Maurice J. Rochette 187, Lisa Scamman 310\*.  
Cemetery Committee for Three Years: Kenneth F. Lanzillo 792\*.

Article 2.	Yes 663*	No 90
Article 3.	Yes 760*	No 98
Article 4.	Yes 696*	No 133
Article 5.	Yes 736*	No 78
Article 6.	Yes 643*	No 181
Article 7.	Yes 773*	No 72
Article 8.	Yes 431	No 433*
Article 9.	Yes 767*	No 69

Results of Stratham School District Ballots.

Member of School Board for Three Years - Vote for Two - Elizabeth Gobin 511\*, Jeffrey Hebert 463, Robert O'Sullivan 491\*.

Member of School Board for One Year; Barbara Loh 759\*.

March 14, 1997 - Continuation of March 11, 1997 Town Meeting

The meeting was opened by Moderator, W. Douglas Scamman, Jr. at 7:30 PM. Kenneth Lanzillo gave the invocation. Bill Day led the Salute to the Flag. Moderator Scamman gave reference to the Town Report on pages 3 and 5 for the remembrance of Peter J. Morgera and the dedication to Marice Alexander. The results of Tuesday, March 11, 1997 elections was read. Moderator Scamman declared that there would not be any votes to table motions, that all motions would be decided.

Article 10. Martin Wool made a motion to accept the budget of \$2,078,987.00 and Stephen Woods seconded. Mr. Wool explained the line items, increase in Municipal Center due to the contemplated hiring of a maintenance person for the Municipal Center and the Fire Station, Planning and Zoning for a new secretary for the CEO and Town Administrator, Library due to a new Assistant Librarian and increase in the Library hours, Insurance due to a 3% increase in premiums but that the employees would be contributing to their premiums, Police Department due to added personnel. Mr. Woods explained the percent the employees would be paying for their insurance. John Sapienza added that the personnel policy as described by Mr. Woods is still in draft stages, therefore, the health insurance should stay as is until the policy is completed. A motion was made by Timothy Mason to increase the budget by \$7,359.00 and keep the employee health benefits as they now stand. Seconded by John Sapienza. Mr. Wool gave a rebuttal on the subject. Chris Duffy spoke about the plan being a band-aid fix and that it should be a more equitable plan for the employees. Mr. Derwiecki thought the plan was fair. Brad Hutchings wanted it compared to the school teachers. Mr. Sapienza explained that the money the proposal has in the wage increase would "bump" some people so that they would not be losing money compared with take home pay of 1996 but if the amendment passes there would be no need for those with family plans getting a larger increase in salary than those employees without family plans. A no vote on the amendment. Vote on the question yes and the budget passed at \$2,078,987.00.

Article 11. CIP. \$106,500.00

John Sapienza moved the motion and Stephen J.C. Woods seconded. Mr. Wool spoke on the individual requests. Land conservation \$10,000.00. This is an on going fund. Municipal Center Improvements, \$45,000.00. Tile flooring for the Police Department, \$5,000.00 for new Secretary for the Town Administrator and CEO, water tank replacement, mop boards, roof repairs, bulkhead, ceiling tile, and several other projects. Forestry/Rescue Unit \$35,000.00. This would be used as a second rescue vehicle. System Upgrade \$16,500.00 Police Department. This is to upgrade the software at the Police Department. Vote in the affirmative.

Article 12. Heritage Commission

John Sapienza moved the motion and Martin Wool seconded. Jerry Batchelder spoke for the passage of the article. Vote in the affirmative.

Article 13. Cruiser Lease \$24,104.00

Stephen J. C. Woods moved the motion, John Sapienza seconded it. Mr. Woods addressed the motion explaining the present 3 cruisers would be purchased by the Town at \$1.00 each. One would probably be sold, one would be kept as an official use car and the third for the investigator. Vote in the affirmative.



Article 14. Dispatch \$35,000.00

Michael Daley moved the question, Carl Spaulding seconded. Chief Daley explained the differences between the two dispatch services, Newmarket and Rockingham. The three year contract will be \$35,000.00 for the first year, \$36,750.00 for the second year, and \$38,587.00 for the third year. There was much discussion about the safety factor if the Town chose to go with Rockingham Dispatch because they dispatch for so many communities. Rebuttal of that fact came from John Sapienza, Martin Wool, Dawn Jordan (an employee of Rockingham Dispatch) and Bob Law, Fire Chief. June Sawyer questioned if Rockingham had a dedicated line for 911 calls. Chief Daley said the Police Department has 12,000 radio communications with dispatch a year. Jim Scamman made a motion for a paper ballot, Chris Rowe seconded the motion along with five other registered voters. Results of paper ballots; Yes 51, No 49, motion passed.

Article 15. Library Trustees to Accept Monies or Personal Property.

Motion made by John Sapienza and seconded by Stephen J.C. Woods. Vote in the affirmative.

Article 16. Crestview Terrace Drainage Improvement (\$19,000.00)

Motion made by Martin Wool and seconded by John Sapienza. Mr. Wool gave the history of the development and its small size lots. Steve Barbieri, an abutter to the easement, thanked the Board of Selectmen and the Highway Department for their efforts in resolving this problem. Vote in the affirmative.

Article 17. New Outlook Program (\$1,200.00)

Dr. Kaminski moved the motion, seconded by Deborah Woods. This program provides funding for a teen center. Dr. Kaminski and Mrs. Woods both spoke in favor the article. Vote in the Affirmative.

Article 18. Economic Development Committee

Martin Wool moved the motion and Stephen J.C. Woods seconded. Mr. Wool explained that the committee's prime function would be to search for desirable industrial and commercial business for the town so as to keep a more equitable tax base. Vote in the affirmative.

Article 19. 1% Discount

Stephen J. C. Woods moved the motion. Martin Wool seconded. No discussion. Vote in the affirmative.

Article 20. Transact any other Business.

Martin Wool presented John Sapienza with a helmet with the inscription "Selectman 1994-1997" and words of thanks for the years he has served the Town. A standing ovation was given to John.

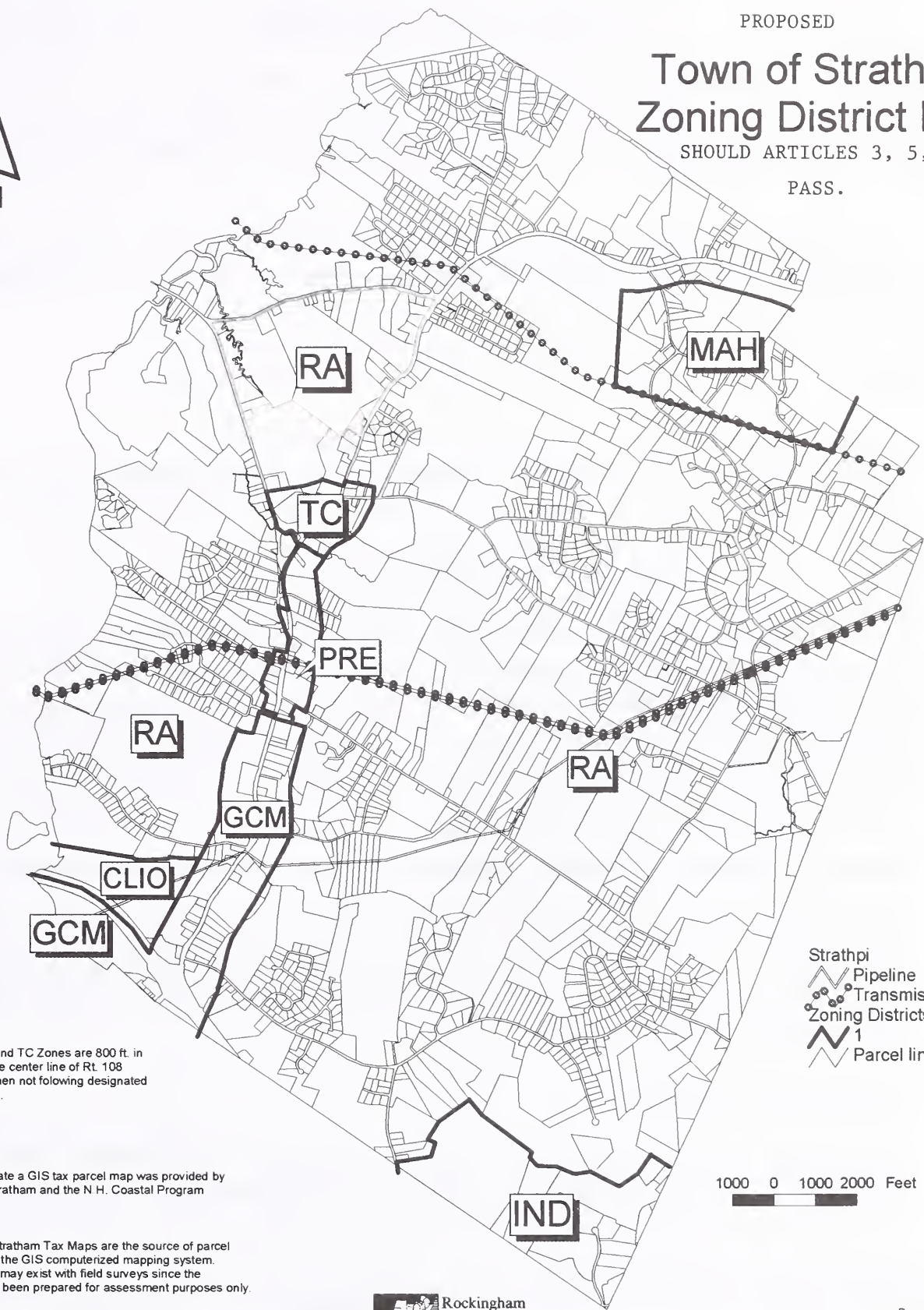
The meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce A. Rowe,  
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

PROPOSED

# Town of Stratham Zoning District Map

SHOULD ARTICLES 3, 5, 6, & 7  
PASS.



GCM, PRE, and TC Zones are 800 ft. in depth from the center line of Rt. 108 and Rt. 33 when not following designated property lines.

Credits:

Funding to create a GIS tax parcel map was provided by the Town of Stratham and the N.H. Coastal Program in 1991.

Disclaimer:  
The Town of Stratham Tax Maps are the source of parcel boundaries for the GIS computerized mapping system. Discrepancies may exist with field surveys since the tax maps have been prepared for assessment purposes only.

Source: Town of Stratham, NH, tax parcel maps; 1988.  
Updated: Through 1993 tax year by RPC.



Strathpi  
Pipeline  
Transmission Line  
Zoning Districts  
Parcel lines

1000 0 1000 2000 Feet

Prepared by the  
Rockingham Planning Commission  
February 6, 1998 DRA



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 8 A.M. TO 8 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Stratham in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Stratham Municipal Center on Tuesday, on the tenth day of March 1998, next at eight of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendments proposed by the Stratham Planning Board for the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance which would read as follows:

ARTICLE 2: (Add definition for Light Industry)

- a. To add in Section II DEFINITIONS, in appropriate alphabetical order, the following definition: "Light Industry: Includes all manufacturing and assembly processes carried on completely within a structure, and involving no permanent outside storage of equipment or materials (except as a customary accessory use in connection with the permitted activities within the structure), unless such storage is approved by the Stratham Planning Board during the Site Plan Review process. Outdoor storage shall be permitted as an accessory use to a permitted use if it occupies an area of 20 percent or less of the footprint area of the principal building. Otherwise, outdoor storage shall require a special exception. All outdoor storage shall be appropriately screened from view and shall not occupy required open space or required parking areas. Light Industry shall not be interpreted to include any industry, the operations of which shall result in significant objectionable noise, glare, vibration or odor which would constitute a nuisance nor which would adversely affect other private or public properties."
- b. To renumber accordingly.
- c. To add Light Industrial to Section 3.6 TABLE OF USES, G INDUSTRIAL USES as a permitted use and to add endnote 6, together to read as follows:

"3.6 TABLE OF USES (continued)

		<u>DISTRICTS</u>					
<u>USES</u>	R/A	MAH	PRE	TC	GCM	CLIO	IND
G. <u>INDUSTRIAL USES</u>							
11. Light Industrial	X	X	X	X	P <sup>6</sup>	P	P

ENDNOTES:

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6. Not permitted within 800 feet of Portsmouth Avenue.”

The Planning Board recommends this article.

Article 3: (To Replace the Office/Research Park District (ORP) with the Commercial/Light Industry/Office District (CLIO) and modify the entire Zoning Ordinance to replace every reference to the “ORP” district with the appropriate reference to the “CLIO” district.)

- a. Section 3.1 ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS, District Name and Abbreviation--To add “Commercial/Light Industrial/Office -- CLIO”.
- b. Section 3.4.6--to read as follows: “Commercial/Light Industrial/Office. The intent of this district is to provide land in appropriate locations for commercial, office, and light industrial uses which are similar in nature, and which improve employment opportunities and strengthen the economic base of the town. Such activities should not adversely affect the natural environment, adjacent residential areas or community facilities. However, in order to preserve appropriate land for such uses, residential uses and some types of commercial and industrial uses are not allowed. In order to maintain this protection, this zone contains more stringent buffer requirements for neighboring residential zones and uses.”
- c. Section 3.6 TABLE OF USES--to read as appearing on the following pages, including

3.6 TABLE OF USES

DISTRICTS\*

USES	R/A	MAH	PRE	TC	GCM	CLIO	IND
A. <u>RESIDENTIAL USES</u>							
1. Single family dwelling.	P	P	P	P	X	X	X
2. Two family dwelling.	P	P	P	P	S	X	X
3. Cluster developments in accordance with Section VIII of this Ordinance.	P	X	S	P	S	X	X
4. Manufactured housing; Mobile homes; in accordance with Section IX of this Ordinance.	P	P	X	X	X	X	X
	X	P	X	X	X	X	X
5. Home occupations in accordance with Section 2.1.25. (Rev. 3/91)	S	S	S	X	X	X	X
6. Accessory apartments in accordance with Section 5.4. (Rev. 3/90)	S	S	S	S	X	X	X
B. <u>TEMPORARY RESIDENTIAL USES</u>							
1. Overnight and day camps, cottage colonies, vacation resorts, and similar recreational facilities.	S	S	X	X	X	X	X
2. Bed and Breakfast Inns.	S	S	S	P	P	P	X
3. Hotels, motels and hostels.	X	X	X	P	P	C	X

\*See 3.1 for district names/abbreviations.



3.6 TABLE OF USES (continued)

DISTRICTS							
USES	R/A	MAH	PRE	TC	GCM	CLIO	IND
C. <u>OUTDOOR/RECREATIONAL USES</u>							
1. Forestry, wildlife, timber preserves, reservoirs, and nature study areas.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
2. Public parks and playgrounds.	P	P	P	P	P	S	S
3. Commercial riding stables and riding trails.	S	S	X	X	X	X	X
4. Historic building or site open to public.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
5. Recreational camping parks, recreational areas, residential, tenting and recreational vehicles.	S	S	X	X	X	X	X
D. <u>AGRICULTURAL/FORESTRY USES</u>							
1. Farming including dairying, livestock, animal and poultry raising, crop production including customary accessory uses.	P	P	P	S	P	P	S
2. Tree farming, commercial timbering, non-commercial harvesting of forest products.	P	P	X	P	P	P	S

3.6 TABLE OF USES (continued)

USES		R/A	MAH	PRE	TC	GCM	CLIO	IND
E. <u>INSTITUTIONAL USES</u>								
1.	Private schools, nursery through college.	S	S	X	S	S	S	S
2.	Day care facilities. <b>(Rev. 3/95)</b>	S	S	S	S	S	C	S
3.	Senior citizen centers.	S	S	S	P	X	C	X
4.	Non-profit lodges and fraternal organizations.	S	S	X	S	X	X	S
5.	Hospitals, clinics, nursing homes and rehab. centers.	X	X	X	S	S	S	S
6.	Funeral home or parlor.	X	X	X	S	S	S	X
7.	Place of worship plus customary ancillary facilities. <b>(Rev. 3/89)</b>	S	S	P	P	X	X	X
8.	Cemetery.	P	P	P	P	X	X	X
9.	Public utilities.	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
10.	Municipal buildings.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

3.6 TABLE OF USES (continued)

		DISTRICTS						
USES		R/A	MAH	PRE	TC	GCM	CLIO	IND
F. <u>COMMERCIAL USES</u>								
1.	Retail sales/service.	X	X	X	P	P	P	S <sup>2</sup>
2.	Business services.	X	X	X	P	P	P	P
3.	Professional services.	X	X	P <sup>3</sup>	P	P	P	P
4.	Banks & lending institutions.	X	X	S	P	P	P	P
5.	Restaurants.	X	X	X	P	P	P	X
6.	Filling stations, service stations.	X	X	X	S	P	X	X
7.	Motor vehicle dealerships, repair garages, body shops, paint shops.	X	X	X	X	P	X	X
8.	Veterinary hospitals.	X	X	X	P	P	P	X
9.	Kennels, with a minimum lot size of five acres and a structure setback of a minimum of 100 feet from all lot lines.	S	X	X	X	S	S	X
10.	Airports, runways, control towers, administration buildings, hangers.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
11.	Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. <b>(Rev. 4/97)</b>	S	X	P	X	X	X	X
12.	Adult Uses. <b>(Adopted 3/93)</b>	X	X	X	X	S <sup>4</sup>	X	X
13.	Special Promotional Sales & Displays <sup>5</sup> . <b>(Adopted 3/96)</b>	X	X	X	P	P	P	X

3.6 TABLE OF USES (continued)

DISTRICTS

USES		R/A	MAH	PRE	TC	GCM	CLIO	IND
G. <u>INDUSTRIAL USES</u>								
1.	Manufacturing, assembly, fabricating operations.	X	X	X	X	X	C	P
2.	Research and development, corporate, and business offices.	X	X	X	P	P	P	P
3.	Warehousing and wholesaling operations.	X	X	X	X	S	C	P
4.	Freight and trucking terminals.	X	X	X	X	S	C	S
5.	Bulk storage and distribution of goods, except fuels.	X	X	X	X	X	C	P
6.	Bulk storage of fossil fuels.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7.	Earth products removal subject to the provisions of Section X.	P	P	X	X	P	P	P
8.	Commercial sawmills.	X	X	X	X	S	X	S
9.	Junk yards, recycling centers.	X	X	X	X	X	X	S
10.	Special Promotional Sales & Displays <sup>5</sup> . (Adopted 3/96)	X	X	X	P	P	P	X
11.	Light Industrial.	X	X	X	X	P <sup>6</sup>	P	P



ENDNOTES:

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1. Privately owned sewage treatment plants, for which the Town does not hold or co-hold the discharge permit, are prohibited. Such plants do not include facilities which discharge to conventional septic tanks and leach field systems as regulated under RSA 149-E. **(Rev. 3/89)**
  2. Retail sales/service may be permitted in the Industrial Zone as a special exception provided the proposed use is carried out on a limited or incidental basis only; the products sold must be manufactured or distributed by the parent company; the space devoted to retail sales shall not exceed 2,000 square feet; the activity will create only a small amount of additional traffic; the activity will be carried on in such a manner as not to create a nuisance to abutting landowners and/or tenants, and; the use must comply with the Town's parking specifications as delineated in Section VI. **(Rev. 3/91)**
  3. In the professional residential district, new office structures on the west side of Route 101 will be limited to a 1600 sq. ft. footprint. Buildings on the east side do not have that limitation.
  4. Special Exceptions for Adult Uses. Adult uses shall satisfy all of the following criteria for a special exception: **(Rev. 3/93)**
    - a. No adult use shall be located within 1,000 feet of the property line of a church, cemetery, school, day care center, or within 500 feet of a property line of a residence.
    - b. No sexually explicit material or advertising shall be visible from outside the building.
    - c. No private viewing rooms or booths shall be constructed unless one side is always open to a public central area.
    - d. No one under the age of 18 shall be permitted inside such a use and a procedure shall be developed to keep those under 18 from entering.
  5. Special promotional sales and displays shall be allowed by permit only and shall be limited per business to eight (8) days annually, with each promotional period not to exceed four (4) consecutive days in length. Such a permit shall be issued by the Code Enforcement Officer. The setback requirements shall comply with SECTION IV. DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS of this Ordinance. **(Adopted 3/96)**
  6. Not permitted within 800 feet of Portsmouth Avenue.
- d. To Add language to the Explanatory Notes to read as follows --
- “All permitted uses are subject to all of the other provisions of this Ordinance. All special exceptions are subject to the provisions of Section XVI, the Board of Adjustment. Conditional use permits shall be granted in accordance with the following:
- A. Conditional Use Permits. All developments designated as “C” in § 3.6 Table of Uses shall obtain a conditional use permit from the Planning Board. The conditional use permit shall clearly set forth all conditions of approval and shall clearly list all plans, drawings and other submittals that are part of the approved use. Everything shown or otherwise indicated on a plan or submittal that is listed on the conditional use permit shall be considered to be a condition of approval.
  - B. These provisions shall not be construed as establishing any legal right to a given use.
  - C. Standards for approval - All standards below must be met or impacts mitigated to the satisfaction of the Planning Board prior to the granting of a Conditional Use Permit.

1. The permit is in the public interest.
2. There will be no greater diminution of neighboring property values than would be created under any other use or development permitted in the underlying zone.
3. That there are no existing violations of the Stratham zoning ordinance on the subject property.
4. That the character of the area shall not be adversely affected. This determination, to be made by the Planning Board, shall be made by considering the following aspects of the surrounding area.
  - a. Consistency of architecture with the surrounding buildings and neighborhood, determined through analysis of the following:
    - Roof pitches;
    - Siding types;
    - Architectural styles of nearby residential structures;
    - Proportional aspects of facades, building locations on lots, and openings.
  - b. Transportation, determined through analysis of the following:
    - Access for safety vehicles onto the site, within the site, and to individual structures;
    - Capacity of nearby and affected intersections, and transportation corridors;
    - Cost for the town to maintain roadways;
    - Layout, width, and construction of roadways on the site.
  - c. Protection of natural resources, determined through analysis of the following:
    - Protection of environmentally sensitive areas, including but not limited to, wetlands, shoreland buffers, wildlife corridors, significant groundwater resources, etc.;
    - Maintenance of viewsheds and other visually appealing aspects of the site.
  - d. Protection of cultural resources, determined through analysis of the following:
    - Establishment of new and protecting existing trailways for travel;
    - Protection of historic buildings or significant historical landscapes;
    - Establishment, protection and promotion for agricultural uses of the site.
5. That granting the permit will not result in undue municipal expense.
6. That the proposed development will be constructed in a manner compatible with the spirit and intent of the Stratham Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance.



7. That the capacity of existing or planned community facilities and services (including streets and highways) will not be adversely impacted. Mitigation of these impacts by the developer can be properly considered in granting of a conditional use permit.
  8. That the general welfare of the Town will be protected.
  9. Landscaped or other appropriate buffers of sufficient opacity and materials shall be required if deemed reasonably necessary for the welfare of neighboring properties or the Town.
- e. Section 4.1.3, to replace the words “Office/Research Park” with “Commercial/Light Industrial/Office”.
- f. To amend Section 4.2 Table of Dimensional Requirements to replace Office/Research Park (ORP) with Commercial/Light Industrial/Office (CLIO) and add to Section 4.3 Explanatory Notes a new section (j) to read as on the following pages:

4.2 TABLE OF DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS (Rev. 3/96)

	MINIMUM LOT DIMENSIONS <sup>a</sup>			MINIMUM YARD DIMENSIONS <sup>a</sup>			Maximum Height of Structure	Max. % Bld Cover/ Lot	Min. % Open Space/ Lot	Front Open Space Setback	Side/Rear Open Space Setback
	Area	Continuous Frontage	Depth	Front	Side	Rear					
Residential/ <sup>b,h</sup> Agricultural	1Ac <sup>d</sup>	150 <sup>d</sup>	150	30 <sup>e</sup>	20	20	35	20	60	NA	NA
Manufact. Hous/ Mobile Home	1Ac <sup>d</sup>	100 <sup>d</sup>	150	30 <sup>e</sup>	20	20	35	25	50	NA	NA
Profess/Res. <sup>c</sup>											
(1) <sup>g</sup>	1Ac <sup>d</sup>	200 <sup>d</sup>	150	30 <sup>e</sup>	20	20	35	30	50	35' min/50' avg.	25' min.
(2) <sup>g</sup>	1Ac <sup>d</sup>	200 <sup>d</sup>	150	100	25	25	35	30	50		
Town Ctr <sup>c</sup>	1Ac <sup>d</sup>	100 <sup>d</sup>	100	30 <sup>e</sup>	25	25	35	40	50	35' min/50' avg.	35' min.
General Comm. <sup>c</sup>	1Ac <sup>d</sup>	200 <sup>d</sup>	100	60 <sup>e</sup>	25	25	35	40	50	35' min/50' avg.	35 min.
CLIO	1Ac	150	100	30 <sup>e</sup>	25	25	35f	40	40	See 4.3(j) Explanatory notes	
Industrial <sup>c</sup>	2Ac	150	200	30 <sup>e</sup>	40	50	35f	40	40	25' min/50' avg.	25' min.

See Explanatory Notes on following page.

### 4.3 EXPLANATORY NOTES

The following explanatory notes shall provide further definitions for the footnoted items in Table 4.2.

- a. All measurements are in feet unless otherwise noted. The minimum lot size shall be increased depending on the soil classification as defined by the Natural Resource Conservation Service.
- b. These dimensions shall not apply to Cluster Developments. See Section VIII for applicable dimensional requirements.
- c. When the footnoted professional/residential, commercial, office, or industrial uses abut residential uses or a residential district, the minimum front and rear setbacks shall be 100 feet and the side setback shall be 50 feet.
- d. For a duplex house on a single lot, the minimum lot size shall be 1.5 acres and have 175 feet of continuous frontage.
- e. For lots that abut Route 101 or Route 108, the minimum setback shall be 100 feet, except in the Town Center District. In the Town Center District, front setbacks on Route 101 or Route 108 shall be 60 feet. The above setbacks shall not apply to septic tanks and/or leaching fields. Septic tanks and/or leaching fields must be located at least 30 feet from the edge of a right-of-way, or comply to the standards set forth in Section 5.2.3 of this Ordinance; the more restrictive provision shall apply. (Rev. 3/91)
- f. For the footnoted districts, an applicant may apply to the Board of Adjustment to exceed the height limit provided it is determined by the Board that the extra height will not create a safety hazard.
- g.
  - (1) West side of Route 101.
  - (2) East side of Route 101. Existing structures could be converted but not expanded unless they meet setback requirements. New or replacement structures would have to meet setbacks on page 22 (Section 4.2).
- h. Porkchop lots are allowed under certain conditions. See Subdivision Regulations.
- i. Except as modified by Section 9.5. (Rev. 3/89)
- j. The Planning Board shall adopt regulations to administer the open space and buffer requirements for the CLIO zone where the zone abuts residential zones and uses. These buffers shall provide a visual and otherwise protective vegetative buffer utilizing existing vegetation and landscaping to the maximum extent feasible, and where appropriate, fabricated materials and fences. Such buffers shall be at a minimum depth of 100', and may provide in all seasons an opaque screening at the discretion of the Planning Board. However, the Planning Board may require a greater distance. The buffer may exist outside the CLIO district through ownership or easement and may contain appurtenant structures that are compatible with the maintenance of a vegetative cover (e.g. leach fields, drainage areas, etc.).

- g. To amend and add to Section VII Signs to replace references to the Office Research Park with the Commercial/Light Industry/Office including the Section 7.3 Permitted Signs table to read as follows:

7.2.3 Prohibited Signs. The following signs are prohibited:

- (c) Internally illuminated signs may be permitted only in the General Commercial, Commercial/Light Industry/Office, and Industrial zoning districts for certain permitted uses. (Rev. 3/96)

7.3 PERMITTED SIGNS (Rev. 4/97)

		Projecting Signs		Free Standing		Illumination	
Commercial / Light Industry / Office (CLIO)	Maximum Aggregate Area (A)	Height Min/Max (s.f.)	Minimum Feet to Curb	Maximum Height	Min. Feet to Lot Line	External Illum.	Internal Illum.
Businesses, professional offices, and other office uses (not in shopping centers)	(B)	N/A	N/A	10	20	Yes	No
Shopping centers and similar multiple use developments (comprised of four or more district operations under different proprietorship which make use of a common driveway and/or parking area)	(B)	20	100	30	35	Yes	Yes
Industrial and office park identification signs ( Not for individual buildings or uses)	48	N/A	N/A	10	20	Yes	No
Industrial and office buildings	30	8-16	25	16	35	Yes	No

Explanatory Notes

- A. With the exception of Note B, the maximum aggregate area is the sum of attached, projecting, and or free standing signs. In no case can all of the sign areas exceed the maximum aggregate area.
- B. One square foot of a sign area is allowed for each linear foot of principal store frontage of each individual business. In addition, one free standing sign of up to 100 square feet is allowed to identify the shopping center.

The Planning Board Recommends this Article.



ARTICLE 4:

- a. To amend Section 3.6 Table of Uses to remove the use “hostel” from § 3.6, B. Temporary Residential Uses 1, and add to 3.

The Planning Board recommends this article.

ARTICLE 5: (To modify Official Zoning Map of the ORP zone boundaries)

- a. Section 3.2 LOCATION The Official Zoning Map to change the boundaries of the ORP district (proposed to be amended to the CLIO district, see Article 3) to follow the rear property lines along the northeast corner of the zone.

The Planning Board recommends this article.

ARTICLE 6:

- a. To change the zoning district for the land located south of NH Route 101 in the south-west corner of town currently designated Residential Agricultural (RA) to be changed to General Commercial (GCM) with uses similar to existing GCM zone.

The Planning Board recommends approval of this article.

ARTICLE 7:

- a. To change the zoning district for the land along the east of Portsmouth Ave. to include three lots south of Bunker Hill Ave. (Tax Map 9 Lots 11, 12, &13) from the Residential Agricultural (RA) district to be part of the Professional Residential (PRE) district.

The Planning Board recommends approval of this article.

ARTICLE 8:

- a. To Sections 5.2.6 and 2.1.26 to replace the word “unregistered” with “uninspected”. The sections will read as follows:

“2.1.26       Junk: Two or more uninspected motor vehicles no longer intended or in condition for legal use on the public highways; and/or any machinery, scrap metal or other worn, cast off, or discarded articles or materials ready for destruction or collected or stored for salvage or conversion to some use, the accumulation of which is detrimental or injurious to the neighborhood.

...

5.2.6 Junk Vehicles. Two or more junk, uninspected or inoperable automobiles or other vehicles originally designed for public or private transportation purposes or the parts to said vehicles shall not remain

within any residential or open space/forestry districts unless such vehicle and/or its parts are enclosed within a conforming building.”

The Planning Board recommends this article.

ARTICLE 9: Shall we adopt the August 1 prior to the setting of the tax rate as the date for filing for an elderly exemption from the property tax?

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

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THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES WILL BE VOTED ON FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1998 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE STRATHAM MUNICIPAL CENTER, 10 BUNKER HILL AVENUE.  
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ARTICLE 10: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray general town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of acquiring Fire Department Vehicles and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend such funds as may have been raised and appropriated to this fund and any interest as may have accumulated thereon.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and no cents (\$306,500.00) to implement the Capital Improvements Program for 1998 as presented in the Town Report and approved by the Planning Board. This is a special warrant article which will be non-lapsing until the specific items are completed or obtained but shall in no case be later than five (5) years from this appropriation per RSA 32:7 (VI).

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with the Helen Stevens Revocable Trust for the purchase by the Town of certain land (a portion of Tax Map 1 lot 17) on Bunker Hill Avenue.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing a backhoe for the Highway Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$20,000.00) for the first year's payment for that purpose and for equipping this backhoe.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a boundary line agreement and to an exchange of right-of-way easements with the Stratham Community Church, Inc., the agreement and easements to provide for the following:

1. To establish the boundary line between the Church property and the Town Cemetery situated on the Westerly side of Emery Lane;
2. For the Town to relinquish a portion of the public right-of -way which currently extends from Emery Lane, between the Church and Parish Hall buildings;
3. To accept the grant of a new public right-of-way from Maple Lane, across the Church property in a Northerly direction to the Town Cemetery;
4. To grant to the Church a right-of-way from Emery Lane along a portion of Maple Lane to the Church property to join with the location of the new public right-of-way;
5. To accept the conveyance from the Church of a narrow strip of land along the Southerly side of the Church property adjacent to Maple Lane;
6. To afford to the public the continuing right to draw water from the Church water system.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Stratham Fair to reconstruct and/or enlarge up to three (3) restroom facilities at Stratham Hill Park, in the same general locations as are current, at no cost to the Town.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of State Police, to construct a concrete structure up to 12' X 12' in size to house their radio and related equipment at Stratham Hill Park at no cost to the Town.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred and Ninety Dollars and no cents (\$690.00) to support the Community Diversion Program, a non-profit court diversion agency based in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

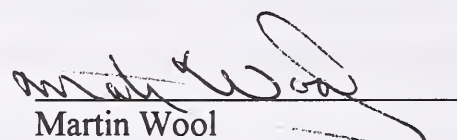
ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to allow a One Percent (1%) discount on such property taxes as are paid in full within Fifteen (15) days from the day the tax warrant is committed to the Tax Collector, the date to be printed on the tax bill.

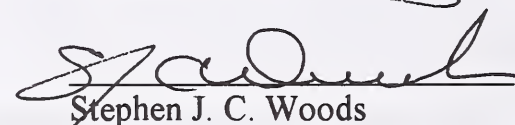
The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

ARTICLE 20: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-third day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety eight.

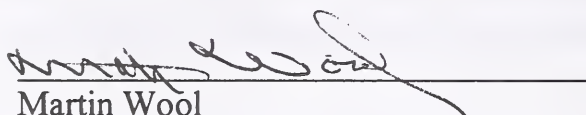
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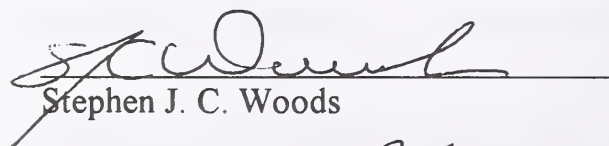
  
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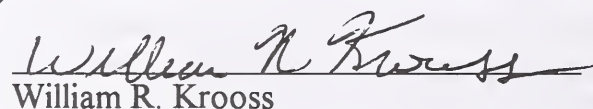
  
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William R. Krooss

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

  
Martin Wool

  
Stephen J. C. Woods

  
William R. Krooss



## TOWN BUDGET

1998  
**PROPOSED**

Executive	\$156,534
Financial Administration	\$68,983
Election & Registration	\$5,300
Legal Expenses	\$50,000
Planning & Zoning	\$94,924
Heritage & Econ. Dev.	\$10,030
General Govt. Bldgs.	\$76,449
Police	\$526,871
Animal Control	\$3,000
Fire	\$75,922
Emergency Management	\$1,200
Emergency Dispatch Services	\$36,750
Pest Control	\$26,960
Highways & Streets	\$352,677
Street Lighting	\$5,500
Solid Waste Mgmt.	\$325,073
Cemeteries	\$18,650
Health Agencies	\$19,127
Library	\$132,147
Parks	\$35,566
Patriotic Purposes	\$750
Recreation	\$25,300
Insurances	\$204,730
Employee Benefits	\$86,844
Unemployment Comp.	\$1,000
Direct Assistance	\$6,000
Interest On TAN's	\$60,000
Total Appropriation	<u>\$2,406,287</u>

### Board of Selectmen:

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### Budget Advisory Committee:

Kathryn Bickford  
Victor Collinino  
Elisabeth Gobin  
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STRATHAM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM - PROJECT SUMMARY IN \$000

AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING BOARD ON JANUARY 28, 1998

PROJECT TITLE/DEPARTMENT	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Land Conservation Fund	10	10	10	10	10	10
Municipal Center Improvements	51.5					
Voting Booths (30 reg. & 1 Hand.)	5					
Steven's Property Acquisition	100	150				
Computer Upgrade/						
Codification of ordinances		25				
PROTECTION OF PERSONS/PROPERTY						
Fire Department Capital Reserve	60	60	60	50	50	50
PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS						
Dump Truck w/plow	80		80	80	80	
Sand & Salt Storage Facility			100			
3/4 ton 4wd pickup w/plow		29		29		32
Backhoe		20	20	20	20	
TOTALS	306.5	294	270	189	160	92



# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM

EXPENSES:	1997 APPROPRIATION	1997 ACTUAL	1998 PROPOSED
Executive	\$150,334	\$149,532	\$156,534
Financial Administration	\$47,841	\$55,822	\$68,983
Election & Registration	\$1,765	\$1,722	\$5,300
Legal Expenses	\$50,000	\$58,923	\$50,000
Planning & Zoning	\$74,169	\$83,560	\$94,924
Heritage & Econ. Dev.	\$0	\$0	\$10,030
General Govt. Bldgs.	\$71,161	\$60,132	\$76,449
Police	\$441,600	\$426,039	\$526,871
Animal Control	\$3,000	\$1,740	\$3,000
Fire	\$67,620	\$68,995	\$75,922
Emergency Management	\$1,200	\$216	\$1,200
Emergency Dispatch Services	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$36,750
Pest Control	\$26,432	\$26,432	\$26,960
Highways & Streets	\$369,090	\$316,013	\$352,677
Street Lighting	\$5,900	\$4,269	\$5,500
Solid Waste Mgmt.	\$262,073	\$232,338	\$325,073
Cemeteries	\$16,930	\$12,765	\$18,650
Health Agencies	\$22,612	\$22,612	\$19,127
Library	\$120,524	\$108,624	\$132,147
Parks	\$30,419	\$28,947	\$35,566
Patriotic Purposes	\$750	\$678	\$750
Recreation	\$23,400	\$22,297	\$25,300
Insurances	\$174,486	\$170,005	\$204,730
Employee Benefits	\$72,285	\$66,683	\$86,844
Unemployment Comp.	\$1,200	\$528	\$1,000
Direct Assistance	\$6,000	\$777	\$6,000
Interest On TAN's	\$65,000	\$57,852	\$60,000
Total Appropriations	\$2,140,791	\$2,012,501	\$2,406,287

## REVENUES:

Land Use Change Tax	\$20,000	\$67,656	\$40,000
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	\$60,000	\$96,291	\$90,000
Yield Tax	\$100	\$0	\$1,000
Motor Vehicle Permits	\$700,000	\$797,279	\$825,000
Business Lic. & Permits	\$18,000	\$23,777	\$20,000
Dog Licenses	\$5,000	\$6,228	\$5,000
Shared Revenue	\$148,342	\$168,129	\$168,129
Highway Block Grant	\$84,375	\$88,714	\$86,837
Reimbursements	\$1,200	\$2,489	\$1,200
Income From Departments	\$118,230	\$201,991	\$228,630
Rent of Town Property	\$20,000	\$7,279	\$5,000
Sale of Town Property	\$175,000	\$214,875	\$7,500
Interest on Investments	\$60,000	\$78,346	\$75,000
Cable TV Franchise Fee	\$20,000	\$36,825	\$35,000
Trust & Agency Funds	\$5,600	\$2,980	\$6,000
Total Revenues	\$1,435,847	\$1,792,859	\$1,594,296



## 1997 TOWN CLERK REPORT

AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATIONS	\$ 797,882.50
TITLE FEES	2,662.00
MUNICIPAL AGENT FEES	15,430.00
U.C.C. FILINGS	3,089.64
VITAL RECORDS	1,992.40
DOG LICENSES	4,551.00
DOG FINES	1,686.00
FILING FEES (CANDIDATES)	2.00
DREDGE AND FILL PERMITS	70.00
OTHER LICENSES	5.00
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TOTAL COLLECTED	\$ 827,370.54
REMITTED TO TREASURER	\$ 827,370.54

Just a reminder: there are three elections this year; Town election March 10, 1998, State Primary Election September 8, 1998, General Election November 3, 1998.

Elections are held in the Municipal Center cafetorium. One can register to vote at the Town Clerk's office with a birth certificate, passport, or voter registration card from another community. One can also register on an election day with the same information. Polling hours will be posted with the notice of elections.

Thank you from the Town Clerk's Office,

Joyce, Shirley & Brenda

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

## TOWN OF STRATHAM

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.....Levies of.....

Uncollected Taxes - Beginning  
of Fiscal Year  
Property Taxes

1997

1996

\$ 852,574.40

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes

\$ 8,757,819.66

Land Use Change

65,460.00

Yield Taxes

1,703.04

Overpayments:

Property Taxes

7,580.09

Interest Collected on

Delinquent Taxes

3,796.78

22,123.37

TOTAL DEBITS:

\$ 8,836,359.57

\$ 874,697.77

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Remitted to Treasurer During  
Fiscal Year:

Property Taxes

\$ 7,665,004.03

\$ 575,189.63

Land Use Change

65,460.00

Interest

3,796.78

22,123.37

Discounts Allowed

53,400.97

Abatements Made:

Property Taxes

1,535.45

1,400.27

Uncollected Taxes End of  
Fiscal Year:

Property Taxes

1,045,459.30

275,984.50

Yield Taxes

1,703.04

TOTAL CREDITS:

\$ 8,836,359.57

\$ 874,697.77

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997  
TOWN OF STRATHAM

.....Tax Liens on Acc't of Levies.....

	1996	1995	1994
Balance of Unredeemed Liens Beginning of Fiscal Year		\$ 181,507.26	\$ 63,839.97
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$ 293,263.06		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	7,021.26	22,300.21	22,226.88
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 300,284.32	\$ 203,807.47	\$ 86,066.85
REMITTANCE TO TREASURER:			
Redemptions	\$ 115,543.31	\$ 96,738.50	\$ 62,828.38
Interest/Costs	7,021.26	22,300.21	22,226.88
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	10,295.67	3,040.35	
Liens Deeded To Town Unredeemed Liens		2,083.18	1,011.59
Balance end of year	\$ 167,424.08	\$ 79,645.23	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 300,284.32	\$ 203,807.47	\$ 86,066.85

## TREASURER'S REPORT 1997

### RECEIVED FROM TAX COLLECTOR

1997 Property Tax	\$7,664,965.20
1997 Property Tax Interest	1,599.97
1996 Property Tax	575,189.60
1996 Property Tax Interest	22,123.37
1996 Tax Lien Redemptions	391,527.81
1996 Tax Lien Redemption Interest	28,040.40
Prior Year Tax Lien Redemptions	159,566.88
Prior Year Interest on Redemptions	44,527.15
Income from Current Use Land Change	65,460.00
Current Use Land Change Interest	<u>2,196.81</u>
TOTAL FROM TAX COLLECTOR	\$8,955,197.19

### RECEIVED FROM TOWN CLERK

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 797,279.00
Dog Licenses and Fines	6,228.00
Filing and Other Fees	<u>23,260.04</u>
TOTAL FROM TOWN CLERK	\$ 826,767.04

### RECEIVED FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL SOURCES

NH Revenue Sharing Block Grant	\$ 305,325.18
NH Highway Block Grant	14,644.73
Rail Road Tax	<u>260.83</u>
TOTAL FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$ 320,230.74

### RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES

Interest on Investments	\$ 62,116.31
Police Services and Outside Details	75,651.28
Building Permits	75,410.56
Sign Permits	165.00
Land Fill Permits	488.00
Land Fill Fees	18,601.00
Planning Board Fees	8,850.50
Board of Adjustment Fees	1,092.50
Rent of Town Property	7,278.94
Sale Old Town Hall (final payment)	\$ 173,069.70
Sale of Town Property	41,804.98
Sale of Cemetery Lots	2,844.00
Reimbursement for Grave Excavations	4,475.00
Reimbursement for Test Pits	6,680.50
Reimbursement from Trustees of Trust Funds	2,000.00



Reimbursement from Recreation Department	3,960.00
Reimbursement from Stratham Hill Park Association	1,586.00
Insurance and Other Refunds	45,142.51
Recycling Program Income	44.60
Donations to Stratham Hill Park	1,600.00
Public Telephones Income	541.34
Cable TV Franchise	36,824.67
Bad Check Fines	<u>517.00</u>
TOTAL FROM OTHER SOURCES	\$ 570,744.39

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 1997 \$10,672,939.36

CASH ON HAND JAN.1, 1997	\$ 2,755,827.10
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 1997	10,672,939.36
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE	3,100,000.00
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE INTEREST	(57,851.70)
TRANSFER FROM SAVINGS	<u>300,000.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS AND RECEIPTS	\$16,770,914.76

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PAID ON SELECTMEN'S ORDERS	<u>(14,420,604.88)</u>
BALANCE ON HAND DEC 31, 1997	\$ 2,350,309.88

OTHER ASSETS IN HAND OF TREASURER

Payroll Account	\$ 9,439.25
N.H. Public Deposit Investment Pool	<u>362,969.96</u>
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	\$ 372,409.21

OUTSTANDING BONDS AND SHORT TERM NOTES

The Town has no outstanding Bonds or Short Term Notes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth F. Lanzillo,  
Town Treasurer

# SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION TOWN OF STRATHAM IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from the official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Martin Wool, Stephen J.C. Woods, William R. Krooss, Selectmen

1. Valuation of land only:		
A. Current use (at c.u. value)	3111.16 acres	\$ 276,101
B. Conservation	0	0
C. Residential	4022.57 acres	91,240,500
D. Commercial/Industrial	639.88 acres	17,736,700
E. Total of Taxable Land	7773.61 acres	109,253,301
F. Tax Exempt & Non Taxable		( 4,063,400)
2. Value of Buildings only:		
A. Residential		\$237,979,500
B. Manufactured Housing		2,239,800
C. Commercial/Industrial		40,604,300
D. Total of Taxable Buildings		280,823,600
E. Exempt & Non Taxable		( 15,614,400)
3. Public Utilities:		
A. Gas		\$ 316,400
B. Electric		3,438,000
4. Valuation before Exemptions:		\$ 393,831,301
5. Blind Exemption (1)		15,000
6. Elderly Exemption		930,000
7. Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		945,000
8. Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is computed		\$ 392,886,301

## TAX CREDITS

Paraplegic, double amputees owning specially adapted homesteads with VA assistance	(1)	Exempt
Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty (\$1400)	(5)	7,000
Other war service credits (\$100 )	(324)	32,400
Total Number and Amount:	(330)	39,400

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS  
Taxes Assessed for the Tax Year 1997

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Martin Wool, Stephen J.C.Woods, William Krooss, Selectmen

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Executive	\$ 150,334.00
Elections, Registration & Vital Statistics	1,765.00
Financial Administration	47,841.00
Legal Expenses	50,000.00
Personnel Administration	72,285.00
Planning and Zoning	74,169.00
General Government Buildings	71,161.00
Cemeteries	16,930.00
Insurance	169,063.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police	\$ 483,223.00
Fire	67,620.00
Emergency Management	1,200.00

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

Highway Department	\$ 388,090.00
Street Lighting	5,900.00

SANITATION

Solid Waste Collection	\$ 262,073.00
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HEALTH

Animal Control	\$ 3,000.00
Pest Control	26,432.00
Health Agencies & Hospitals	22,612.00

WELFARE

Administration & Direct Assistance	\$ 6,000.00
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## CULTURE AND RECREATION

Parks	\$ 30,419.00
Library	120,524.00
Patriotic purposes	750.00
Recreation	23,400.00

## DEBT SERVICE

Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 65,000.00
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## CAPITAL OUTLAY

Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	\$ 51,500.00
Buildings	45,000.00
Capital Reserve	10,000.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$2,266,291.00
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## REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES

### TAXES:

Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 40,000.00
Yield Taxes	1,000.00
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	50,000.00

### LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES

Business Licenses and Permits	\$ 18,000.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	750,000.00
Building Permits	60,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees	59,825.00

### FROM STATE

Shared Revenues	\$ 104,185.00
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	44,157.00
Highway Block Grant	86,414.00
Landfill Grant	40,000.00
Flood Control Reimbursement	2,489.00
Used Oil Grant	1,000.00
Railroad Tax	261.00



## CHARGES FOR SERVICES

Income from Departments	\$ 52,730.00
Insurance Refund	32,580.00

## MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

Sale of Municipal Property	201,025.00
Interest on Investments	60,000.00
Rent of Town Buildings	24,500.00

## INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS

Trust and Agency Funds	\$ 5,600.00
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## GENERAL FUND BALANCE

Unreserved Fund Balance	\$ 289,747.00	
Voted from "Surplus"	00.00	
Fund Balance - Retained	80,000.00	
Fund Balance - Reduce Taxes		\$ 209,747.00

TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$1,843,513.00
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**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION  
TOWN OF STRATHAM TAX RATE COMPUTATION**

**TOWN PORTION**

Appropriations	2,266,291
Less: Revenues	1,762,555
Less: Shared Revenues	11,068
Add: Overlay	106,086
War Service Credits	39,400

Net Town Appropriation	638,154
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	638,154	
Municipal Tax Rate		1.62

**SCHOOL PORTION**

Due to Local School	3,960,716
Due to Regional School	3,709,420
Less: Shared Revenues	64,438

Net School Appropriation	7,605,698
Special Adjustment	0

Approved School (s) Tax Effort	7,605,698	
School (s) Tax Rate		19.36

**COUNTY PORTION**

Due to County	543,634
Less: Shared Revenues	6,477

Net County Appropriation	537,157
Special Adjustment	0

Approved County Tax Effort	537,157	
County Tax Rate		1.37

Combined Tax Rate		22.35
Total Property Taxes Assessed	8,781,009	
Less: War Service Credits	(39,400)	
Add: Village District Commitment (s)	0	

Total Property Tax Commitment	8,741,609	
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**PROOF OF RATE**

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
392,886,301	22.35	8,781,009

## EXPENDITURES

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Payroll	\$ 138,430.34
Electricity	3,459.36
Gas & Oil	10,973.59
Telephone	487.09
Tires, Repairs, Etc.	20,961.43
Asphalt	86,695.97
New Equipment & Tools	4,920.12
Rented Equipment	9,269.59
Building Maintenance	483.46
Salt	28,207.13
Sand and Gravel	4,632.05
Meals	384.60
Culvert Pipe	821.64
Guard Rails	2,950.00
Road Paint	990.71
Substance Abuse Testing	285.00
RSMS	2,060.95
TOTAL	<u>\$ 316,013.03</u>

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Payroll	\$ 248,861.61
Prosecutors Expenses	566.86
Gas and Oil	4,597.37
Uniforms	4,918.35
Repairs	6,036.84
New Equipment	9,880.82
Office Supplies	1,652.36
Training	1,775.36
Miscellaneous	675.76
Community Service Program	182.91
Special Detail	65,440.80
Police Payroll - Specials	19,756.11
Repairs - Equipment	1,204.64
Office supplies - legal	2,401.72
Police payroll - Secretary	17,979.81
Police payroll - Prosecutor	14,556.24
TOTAL	<u>\$ 400,487.56</u>

## SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Payroll	\$ 10,639.61
Fill	-0-
Solid Waste Processing	70,396.79
Materials and Supplies	852.10
Trucking	107,667.28
Removal of Scrap	313.02
Equipment Rented	360.00
Hazardous Waste Collection	730.76
Recycling	1,049.91
Landfill Closure Annual	15,828.77
Transfer Station	24,372.88
Electricity	127.26
TOTAL	<u>\$ 232,338.38</u>

## PARK

Payroll	\$ 19,621.37
Electricity	1,807.39
Supplies	377.03
Ground Maintenance	4,634.88
Building Maintenance	1,200.41
Equipment Maintenance	907.74
Telephone	354.60
New Equipment	43.90
TOTAL	<u>\$ 28,947.32</u>

## CEMETERIES

Payroll	\$ 7,760.68
Excavation	1,725.00
Ground Maintenance	581.00
Equipment Maintenance	316.75
Road Maintenance	-0-
Supplies	181.56
New Equipment	-0-
Transfer to Trust Funds	2,200.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 12,764.99</u>



# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1997

Title of Appropriations	Appropriation	Recp't/Reimb	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdrafts
Executive	\$ 150,334.00		\$ 150,334.00	\$ 149,532.51	\$ 801.49	
Financial Administration	47,841.00		47,841.00	55,821.18		\$ 7,980.18
Planning and Zoning	74,169.00	\$ 75,410.56	149,579.56	83,560.23	66,019.33	
General Government Buildings	71,161.00	1,450.00	72,611.00	60,132.04	12,478.96	
Police Department	415,996.00	75,651.28	491,647.28	400,487.56	91,159.72	
Fire Department	67,620.00		67,620.00	68,995.86		1,375.86
Emergency Management	1,200.00		1,200.00	134.40	1,065.60	
Highway Department	369,090.00		369,090.00	315,813.03	53,276.97	
Street Lighting	5,900.00		5,900.00	4,269.14	1,630.86	
Waste Disposal	262,073.00	19,089.00	281,162.00	232,338.38	48,823.62	
Library	120,524.00		120,524.00	108,624.00	11,900.00	
Direct Assistance	6,000.00		6,000.00	777.48	5,222.52	
Park	30,419.00	1,600.00	32,019.00	28,947.32	3,071.68	
Recreation	23,400.00	3,960.00	27,360.00	22,296.76	5,063.24	
Cemeteries	16,930.00	2,844.00	19,774.00	12,764.99	7,009.01	
TOTALS	\$1,662,657.00	\$ 180,004.84	\$1,842,661.84	\$1,544,494.88	\$ 307,523.00	\$ 9,356.04

# YEARLY EARNINGS FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES 1997

Michael J. Daley	\$ 43,914.84	Tanya L. Lampi	\$ 15,088.10
Carlton Spaulding	42,230.81	Peter G. Bakie	34,312.62
Karen H. Springer	3,885.84	Bradley C. Hutchings	1,667.72
Steven Wheeler	4,262.44	Sheri A. Wood	1,980.50
Kevin Walsh	6,584.04	Donald Andolina	1,392.20
Rachel V. Sherman	2,589.60	Richard A. Gendron	41,305.00
David L. Gilbert	9,078.78	Ronald S. Randall	170.00
Michael A. Gobbi	31,092.94	Richard Wood	43,434.94
David D. Pierce	48,818.62	Shirley S. Daley	29,131.20
Joyce A. Rowe	44,441.47	William Jeralds	20,450.56
Brenda M. Mason	19,332.80	Martin Wool	3,000.00
William R. Krooss	3,000.00	Kenneth F. Lanzillo	3,000.00
Gerald Batchelder	380.00	Paul R. Deschaine	44,207.04
Terry W. Barnes	14,022.10	Terry W. Barnes	6,687.66
David Noyes	756.96	Fred A. Hutton Jr.	43,002.02
Cameron Sewall	37,100.28	Russell Stevens	36,775.97
Maurice J. Rochette	2,839.84	Robert M. Batchelder	383.44
Joseph F. Marchio	8,213.75	Richard P. Law	1,251.57
Robert A. Cushman	2,734.06	Martin Wool	1,156.08
Donald R. Dubbs	30,046.68	Ronald P. Curcio	8,777.52
Marissa A. Dziana	2,142.00	Michael Sullivan	29,604.70
Phyllis L. Danko	15,788.82	Marcia McCallum	9,145.44
Melissa A. Fralick	849.00	Stephen J. C. Woods	3,000.00
Scott MacDonald	310.00	William Jeralds	140.00
Barbara Battis	140.00	Timothy J. Connifey	80.00
Susan Hunter	140.00	Scott Carline	310.00
Maria Georgacopoulos	12,520.51	Patricia A. Sapienza	72.00
Michael Daley	1,080.00	Michael R. DiCroce	12,448.80
Rodney C. Collins	120.00	Richard J. Beaudet	180.00
Elizabeth J. Bullock	9,789.94	Anita French	1,200.00
Anna J. Iodice	600.00	Joanna T. MacBride	400.00
Tammy A. Jeralds	800.00	Jennifer R. Lucca	600.00
Kyle D. True	180.00	Susanne Wenninger	768.00
Cheryn Breeling	855.00	Alexander G. Garroway	864.00
Wayne E. Stevens	570.00	Jeremy J. Hankin	190.00
Cheryn Breeling	375.00	Anthony J. O'Connell	3,450.00
Dawn M. Sawyer	750.00	Jon D. Tretter	920.00
Stuart M. Spooner	1,380.00	Thomas F. Simmons	450.00
Gregory S. Qualls	160.00	Jeffrey T. Peirce	410.00
Brian M. Cisneros	300.00	Melinda Hawkins	1,119.25
Pamela C. Dziana	2,562.00		

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### GENERAL FUND

Revenues and expenditures for the period January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997

#### A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual

1. Revenue from Taxes	
a. Property taxes	\$ 9,934,039.64
b. Taxes paid to School District	7,670,130.00
c. Land Use Change Tax	65,460.00
g. Other taxes	260.83
h. Interest & penalties on delinquent taxes	97,902.35
i. TOTAL (excluding line 1b)	10,097,662.82
2. Revenues from licenses, permits, and fees	
b. Motor vehicle permit fees	\$ 797,279.00
c. Building permits	75,575.00
d. Other licenses, permits, and fees	29,488.00
e. TOTAL	\$ 902,342.00
3. Revenues from State of New Hampshire	
a. Shared revenue block grant	\$ 305,325.18
c. Highway block grant	146,644.73
i. TOTAL	\$ 451,969.91
4. Revenues from charges for service	
a. Income from departments	\$ 96,749.78
b. Garbage-refuse charges	19,133.60
c. Other Charges	36,824.67
d. TOTAL	152,708.05
5. Revenues from miscellaneous sources	
a. Sale of municipal property	\$ 197,972.33
b. Interest on investments	62,116.31
c. Rents of property	27,059.74
d. Fines & forfeits	517.00
e. Insurance dividends and reimbursements	49,643.85
f. Contributions and donations	1,700.00
g. Other miscellaneous sources not classified	1,586.00
h. TOTAL	\$ 340,595.23
6. Interfund operating transfers in	
a. Transfers from trust and agency funds	\$ 2,000.00

b. TOTALS	2,000.00
7. Other financial sources	
a. Other long-term financial sources	\$ 3,100,000.00
b. TOTAL	\$ 3,100,000.00
8. TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES	\$15,047,278.01
9. TOTAL FUND EQUITY (beginning of year)	\$ 34,444.47
10. GRAND TOTAL	\$15,081,722.48

#### B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual

1. General Government	
a. Executive	\$ 149,532.51
b. Election, registration and vital statistics	2,932.80
c. Financial administration	55,821.08
d. Revaluation of property	170,005.49
e. Legal expenses	58,922.52
f. Personnel administration	66,682.92
g. Planning & zoning	83,560.23
h. General government building	60,132.04
i. Cemeteries	12,764.99
j. Insurance not otherwise allocated	2,825.83
k. Advertising & regional association	297,003.68
l. Other general government	32,434.29
m. TOTAL	\$ 992,618.38
2. Public Safety	
a. Police	\$ 400,487.56
b. Fire	68,995.86
c. Emergency management	134.40
d. TOTAL	\$ 469,617.82
3. Highways and Streets	
a. Highways and Streets	\$ 315,813.03
b. Street lighting	4,269.14
c. TOTAL	\$ 320,082.17
4. Sanitation	
a. Solid waste disposal	\$ 232,338.38
b. TOTAL	\$ 232,338.38
5. Health	
a. Pest control	\$ 28,172.41
b. Health agencies and hospitals	21,412.00
c. TOTAL	\$ 49,584.41



6. Welfare	
a. Direct assistance	\$ 777.48
b. TOTAL	\$ 777.48
7. Culture and recreation	
a. Parks and recreation	\$ 51,244.08
b. Library	108,624.00
c. Patriotic purposes	677.66
d. TOTAL	\$ 160,545.74
8. Capital outlay	
a. Buildings	\$ 12,070.00
b. Improvements other than buildings	75,834.24
c. TOTAL	\$ 87,904.24
9. Interfund operating transfers out	
a. Transfers to proprietary funds	\$ 80,750.69
b. TOTAL	\$ 80,750.69
10. Payments to other governments	
a. Taxes assessed for county	\$ 543,634.00
b. Taxes assessed for school districts	8,081,131.00
c. Payments to other governments	1,620.50
d. TOTAL	\$ 8,626,385.50
11. TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$11,020,604.81
12. TOTAL FUND EQUITY (end of year)	\$ 4,061,117.60
15. GRAND TOTAL	\$15,081,722.41

## GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

### A. ASSETS

1. Current assets	Beginning of year	End of year
a. Cash and equivalents	\$ 2,753,826.33	\$ 2,350,309.88
b. Investments	356,588.86	362,969.96
c. Taxes receivable	852,574.40	996,321.72
d. Tax liens receivable	250,347.23	207,333.60
e. TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4,213,336.82	\$ 3,916,935.16

### B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

1. Current liabilities		
a. Due to other governments	\$ 3,918,131.00	
b. Due to School districts		\$ 3,442,698.00
c. Total Liabilities	\$ 3,918,131.00	\$ 3,442,698.00
2. Fund equity		
a. Reserve for cont. appro.	\$ 34,444.47	\$ 41,419.10
b. Reserve appro. voted surp.	260,761.35	
c. Unreserved fund bal.		\$ 432,818.06
d. TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$ 295,205.82	\$ 474,237.16
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 4,213,336.82	\$ 3,916,935.16

### A. RECONCILIATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY

1. School district liability beginning year	\$ 3,918,131.00
2. Add School assessment for current year	7,605,698.00
3. TOTAL LIABILITY WITHIN CURRENT YEAR	11,523,829.00
4. SUBTRACT payments made to school	(8,081,131.00)
5. School district liability at end of year	\$ 3,442,698.00

### B. RECONCILIATION OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES

1. Short term (TANS) beginning of year	\$ -0-
2. Add: New issues during current year	3,100,000.00
3. Subtract: Issues retired during current year	(3,100,000.00)
4. Short term (TANS) outstanding end of year	\$ -0-

C. ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS WORKSHEET

	Current Year	Prior Year
1. Overlay/Allowance for abatements	\$ 106,086.00	\$ 41,071.73
2. Subtract: Abatements made	1,535.45	1,336.02
3. Subtract: Discounts	53,400.97	
4. Subtract: Refunds	1,778.00	
5. Excess of estimate	\$ 49,371.58	\$ 39,735.71

D. TAXES/LIENS RECEIVABLE WORKSHEET

1. Uncollected, end of year	\$1,045,459.30	\$ 247,069.31
2. Subtract: Overlay carried forward	(49,371.58)	(39,735.71)
3. Receivable, end of year	\$ 996,087.72	\$ 207,333.60

STRATHAM TRUST FUNDS													stratham3.xls
1997													
DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF FUND	PURPOSE	HOW INVT	BAU/BEG	NEW FUNDS	CAP/GAIN	WITHDRW	BAU/END	BAU/BEG	INCOME	EXPENDED	BAU/END	GRAND TOTAL PRINC/INCOME
CEMETERY FUNDS													
VARIOUS	VARIOUS	PERCARE	VARIOUS	\$115,942.92	\$2,200.00	\$6,685.18	\$0.00	\$124,828.10	\$68,966.60	\$5,377.34	\$2,000.00	\$69,108.47	\$193,936.57
1997	Joan Tweed	" "	" "	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1997	N. Barlow	" "	" "	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1997	N. Bryan	" "	" "	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1997	J. McDonald	" "	" "	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1997	R. Paquette	" "	" "	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1997	Burwell	" "	" "	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1997	F. Etland	" "	" "	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1997	Devancy	" "	" "	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1997		" "	" "										
TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS				\$115,942.92	\$2,200.00	\$6,685.18	\$0.00	\$124,828.10	\$68,966.60	\$5,377.34	\$2,000.00	\$69,108.47	\$193,936.57
LIBRARY FUNDS:				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
VARIOUS	LIBRARY	VARIOUS	VARIOUS	\$47,082.40	\$0.00	\$2,842.02	\$0.00	\$49,924.42	\$4,129.36	\$4,513.41	\$4,319.31	\$4,323.46	\$54,247.88
				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
STRATHAM HILL PARK:				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,611.38	\$0.00	\$10,992.11	\$7,189.97	\$2,196.72	\$0.00	\$9,386.69	\$20,378.80
VARIOUS	PARK	VARIOUS	VARIOUS	\$9,380.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1932 HORACE HILL FUND				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
				\$7.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7.12	\$107.79	\$9.96	\$0.00	\$117.75	\$124.87
				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
STRATHAM HILL PK ASSOCIATION				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1966	PARK IMPR	"	"	\$44,426.71	\$0.00	\$1,333.25	\$0.00	\$45,759.96	\$3,612.31	\$968.40	\$0.00	\$4,580.71	\$50,340.67
				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
88/89/91/92 CAPITAL RESERVE FUND				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	LANDCONSE	"	"	\$54,880.01	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$64,880.01	\$12,603.69	\$3,525.16	\$0.00	\$16,128.85	\$81,008.86
				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1987	BARKER 4-HSC SCHOL/SH	"	"	\$3,702.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,702.00	\$987.98	\$252.22	\$250.00	\$990.20	\$4,692.20
	SCAMMAN/PARK TRUST	"	"	\$975.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$975.00	\$24.52	\$25.45	\$0.00	\$49.97	\$1,024.97
1989	SCAMMAN SCH SCHOL/SH	"	"	\$3,663.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,663.00	\$586.45	\$82.92	\$0.00	\$669.37	\$4,332.37
1993	SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT	"	"	\$21,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,500.00	\$0.00	\$5,305.15	\$667.90	\$5,963.07	\$0.00	\$0.00
1997	Win Grange Ed Fd.				\$5,500.00			\$5,500.00					\$5,500.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS:				\$301,559.89	\$17,700.00	\$12,471.83	\$21,500.00	\$310,231.72	\$103,513.82	\$17,608.48	\$12,532.38	\$105,355.47	\$410,087.19
TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS													
							1997						
							KATHRYN BICKFORD						
							GORDON BARKER						
							VICTOR COLLININO						



## CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Cemetery Committee is pleased to report on the following actions taken this past year:

- 100 grave stones were pressure washed as our first year increment for cleaning all of the old grave stones in all cemeteries. We were very pleased with the results and plan to continue the program.
- Flowers were planted around the entrance monuments to Maple Lane Cemetery. Also, the mulch border around all of the maple trees was renewed.
- Cemeteries were sprayed to kill poison ivy.
- Selective timber cutting was started on the property donated by Bill Krooss as a first measure for future expansion of Maple Lane Cemetery.

### Our plans for 1998 are as follows:

- Plant perennials around the entrance monuments and climbing vines along several sections of chain link fence at Maple Lane Cemetery.
- Continue selective timber cutting on the property donated by Bill Krooss for future expansion of Maple Lane Cemetery.
- Fix or remove sections of broken fence on boundary between Greenwood Cemetery and Bickford property.
- Replace washed-out loam and apply grass seeds or mulch under trees at the front of Greenwood Cemetery.
- Fill-in, grade and seed void under former well house at Greenwood Cemetery.
- Pressure wash 200 grave stones as second year increment for cleaning all of the old grave stones in all cemeteries.

We again thank the Stratham Highway Department for the exceptional job they do in maintaining the cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Cushman  
George Brown  
Kenneth Lanzillo, Cemetery Committee

## POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Police Department, as has been the case over the past few years, has had a very busy year. As the community continues to grow the demand on the police department has steadily increased. Because of the growth, the police department has had to change its focus. Criminal activity has increased and become more complex. More and more of the police officers' time is taken up following up on that type of activity. The enforcement of traffic rules and regulations in our community has suffered as a result. In an attempt to provide increased service to the community, the department applied for and received a grant for a community-policing officer. Part of the duties of this new position will be to provide additional enforcement of traffic rules and regulations.

The department instituted a Citizens Police Academy during 1997. Twelve members of our community signed up and attended the twelve-week program. The program focused on how the police department operated and why, the many different assistance problems available to residents, current laws and many other topics. Everyone who participated in the program had a great time. We are planning on having the academy again during 1998. Two other programs sponsored by the police department, the D.A.R.E. program and the Bicycle Safety program, will again take place in 1998. We encourage participation of all the town's residents in these programs.

Alarm activations	343	D.W.I. arrests	39	Missing persons	12
Assaults	15	Disorderly conduct	3	Motor vehicle acc.	257
Alcohol violations	16	Disturbance-Domestic	53	M/V summons	590
Assist to rescue	134	Disturb.-loud party	10	M/V warnings	1542
Assist to town depts.	56	Disturbance-general	31	M/V lock-outs	167
Assist to other depts.	203	Disturbance-fights	5	Miscellaneous calls	149
Animal complaints	174	Endangering welfare	1	Police information	47
Assist to fire dept.	58	Forgery/Fraud	9	Protective custody	64
Attempt to locate	15	Fugitive from Justice	1	Rec. stolen property	1
Burglary	16	False reporting	1	Reckless conduct	1
Bad checks	61	Fish & Game offense	15	Sexual assault	1
Bomb threats	1	Harassment	15	Suspicious activity	204
Criminal threats	7	Hazardous conditions	4	Thefts	112
Criminal mischief	93	Indecent exposure	1	Town ordinance viol.	7
Citizens assists	542	Juvenile incidents	54	Untimely death	3
Criminal trespass	15	Lost/Recovered prop.	64	Unsecured premises	30
Conduct after acc.	5	Littering	6	Warrant arrests	104
Drug violations	8	Motor vehicle theft	8	Weapons violations	1

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Michael J. Daley

## OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Stratham Office of Emergency Management is pleased to report that there were no events or conditions that required the activation of the Emergency Operations Center in the Calendar Year 1997. While such periods are always welcomed, as it means that none of Stratham's residents suffered economic loss, hardship, or suffering related to such events, we continue to build our incident response and mitigation capability.

In addition to attending regional and national seminars on such topics as Severe Weather, Crisis Management, and FEMA Seminar of Inter-Agency Disaster Support, we initiated other activities which are intended to keep pace with technological developments and community changes.

In the last quarter of 1997, we initiated the scheduled replacement and/or updating of key communications equipment to assure a high level of effectiveness between Stratham's Law Enforcement and Emergency Response Agencies. These activities will result in the phasing out of certain equipment which has been in service in excess of 15 years and has therefore reached the end of its predictable, and useful, life cycle. In addition, dramatic growth within the Town of Stratham requires that we revisit reference data, emergency response plans and contingency programs. Such considerations as many new streets and roads, population shifts, and the introduction of industrial and commercial exposures, are but a few of the representative challenges.

Working closely with other Town Departments and Agencies, as well as County, State, and Federal resources, we will revisit, validate, or modify our risk assessment profile to assure that we maintain the ability to respond rapidly, and effectively, in the protection and safeguarding of the life and property of our Town's residents with a fully capable Basic Emergency Response Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen H. Flink  
Director





FIRE DEPARTMENT'S NEW  
FORESTRY UNIT  
BEING OUTFITTED.





## STRATHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Stratham Volunteer Fire Department has completed another successful year of providing emergency medical, rescue and fire fighting services to the Town of Stratham. The Department answered more than 400 calls with the help of men and women who volunteered their time, energy and skills to ensure the Town's needs were met. Through the year we participated in the Stratham Memorial Day Parade, supported the Stratham Fair, and taught Fire Prevention lessons to the children of the town with the help of Sparky the Fire Dog. The department was also directly involved in aiding businesses and homeowners by providing references and inspections in the areas relating to fire and life safety.

This past year a committee was formed to design and purchase a new vehicle to replace our present forestry truck. This new truck will serve the town in the areas of forest fires and in supporting medical aid calls. The water tank on Tanker 8 was successfully replaced. Pump certifications were performed on all three apparatus pumps. New gear and equipment was also purchased for the department to support emergency calls.

Several new volunteer members completed State certified Fire training and EMS National certifications. Stratham Fire Department is one of the largest volunteer departments in the seacoast area and proudly remains uncompensated. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the members of the SVFD, their families, the Ladies Auxiliary, and to the residents of the Town for their continued dedication and support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert O. Law, Fire Chief

Fire Calls 1998	# of Calls	Emergency Medical Calls	# of calls
Fire alarm activations	46	General Medical	68
Odor/smoke investigation	9	Motor Vehicle Accidents	62
Wires down/burning	8	Fall/Fracture/Laceration	44
Structure fires	8	Difficulty Breathing	36
Grass/brush fires	7	Chest Pain	19
Mutual aid pumper or tanker	6	Seizure	7
Public Assist	6	Stroke	6
Fire Emergency	6	Diabetic	4
Natural/Propane Leak	4	Cardiac Arrest Unattended	3
Oil Burner problem	2	Allergic Reaction	3
Chimney Fire	2	Assault	3
Appliance Fire	2	Medical Alarm	2
Vehicle fire	2	Overdose	2
Oil/Gas spill	1	Mutual Aid Ambulance	1
Bomb Threat	1	Total Ambulance Calls	270
Haz-Mat	1		
MS-3 Calls	28	Total Department Calls	406
Total Fire Calls	136		

## CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

The office of Building Inspector and Code Enforcement has been very busy again this year. The following highlights the major projects in Town:

The new Exeter Area Cooperative School on Guinea Road has started construction on the second floor and is progressing right along. The main portion of the school should be ready in September with the gym and auditorium to follow shortly thereafter.

American Soltec Inc. is building a new building (48,800 sq.ft.) in the Industrial Park. They manufacture flow soldering machines for computer circuit boards.

Millbrook Office Park is under construction at the circle on Rt. 33.

The Post Office has moved into their new building on Rt. 108.

Shaw's has completed a major renovation.

The BMW dealership is now in operation.

## BUILDING INSPECTORS ACTIVITY REPORT

Single family dwellings	35
Multi Family Dwellings/Duplex	3
Garages, sheds, barns	12
Addition/Remodeling	89
New Commercial Buildings	2
Commercial Renovations	14
Mobile Homes	0
Pools/fences	13
Signs	27
Demolition permits	1

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Barnes, Code Enforcement/Building Inspector

## STRATHAM PLANNING BOARD

The Stratham Planning Board continues its tradition to normally meet twice each month. The first Wednesday of the month is primarily scheduled for work sessions. These sessions are intended to be more informal meetings where the Board reviews preliminary concepts for applications which allow the applicants to address various Board-generated concerns in their formal application. The third Wednesday of each month is scheduled for Public Hearings where formal Board action may take place. Special sessions are sometimes held when considered necessary and are always publicized in advance. Interested citizens are welcomed and encouraged to attend any of these meetings. Your input is always helpful and appreciated.

This year has seen its fair share of applications as well as significant activity behind the scenes. The Master Plan Review Committee has presented the update for the Stratham Master Plan; several objectives of this update are slated as zoning amendments this year. We offer our deepest appreciation to the members of the Master Plan Committee for their tireless work and devotion to the long-term vision and success of our town. In particular we would like to acknowledge James A. Stuart, winner of this year's New Hampshire Office of State Planning Citizen Planner of the Year and Chair of the Master Plan Committee.

The Planning Board expects to have a busy 1998. The Board will continue its participation in the "Circuit Rider" services offered by the Rockingham Planning Commission. This year the Board has again requested grant monies to supplement this contract in order to increase our assistance and to specifically address the potential update of natural resource related ordinances and the Wellhead Protection Program. Also, over the course of this year we intend to examine the "Cluster Ordinance" for possible amendments. The Circuit Rider, who provides the Board with planning assistance, has office hours at the Town Office in the morning on the first and third Tuesdays of each month; appointments may be made by calling the Town Office.

I would like to extend my thanks to everyone associated with the Board for their continued hard work and support throughout the year. I would encourage citizens of Stratham to be involved in planning for Stratham's future; as it's your future too.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hutton III  
Chairman, Stratham Planning Board



## STRATHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION 1997 ANNUAL REPORT

The management of the Town Forest has been one of the Commission's major concerns of the past year. Signs at the entrances and trail markers are still under consideration. Circular boundary markers have been purchased and will be installed in the spring. The Conservation Commission is much concerned about the use of the trails by motorized vehicles although prohibited. Their infringement is resulting in damage to the trails. The County Forester and the Conservation Commission marked and tallied trees for removal in a thinning operation on one section of the Forest. The project was sent out for bid with the stipulation that all removal be done with horses or oxen.

Members of the Conservation Commission were present on several site walks during the year. Of concern on a walk is wetlands impact and protection, open space, preserving existing trails and possibility of creating new trails, conservation lands, and maintaining required shoreline protection setbacks.

Members of the Conservation Commission attended several meetings on relocating and elevating the highway bridge on Rte. 108 over the Squamscott River. Those attending spoke in opposition to elevating the bridge for the purpose of allowing larger boats access to the river. It is the opinion of members of the Commission that this change will have a significant adverse environmental impact on the river and shore line. Other meetings attended were: Estate Planning for Land Owners and NH Estuaries Environmental Network Conference.

The Conservation Commission applied to the UNH Department of Natural Resources for, and received, a grant for a Natural Resources Inventory as Conservation Easement Incentive. The inventory work is done by UNH students in NR775 Senior Projects course. This year the farm land of Leland and Marjorie Goodrich was selected for the project. The students are to be commended for the oral presentation of their findings. Continued emphasis on open space preservation by means of conservation easements will be carried into 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

Stratham Conservation Commission.



## HERITAGE COMMISSION REPORT

The latest Stratham Master Plan called upon the town to form a Heritage Commission and voters approved the idea in March of 1997. Commission members were appointed by the Board of Selectmen and include Steve Woods as Selectmen's representative, Kirk Scamman as Planning Board representative, and citizens Bruce Barker, Helen LaFave, James Scamman, Jr., and Stewart Stearns. The Heritage Commission meets monthly from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on the second Wednesday of the month at the Stratham Historical Society and visitors are welcome.

This year's meetings consisted of determining our primary goal and how to accomplish that goal. We determined that the primary goal will be the collection and writing of Stratham's history and genealogy. Since this is a long-term project, we decided that the most effective way to present that material is as a works-in-progress accessible on the World Wide Web. The primary benefit of using the Web is the efficiency with which we can communicate with Stratham Memorial School, the Wiggin Memorial Library, and Stratham's residents.

Our first project will be the collection of information about veterans of our town who served in military conflicts. We will also use this information to determine what names will appear on a Veterans Memorial Monument.

All citizens are welcome and encouraged to assist the Heritage Commission in accomplishing our goals.

Respectfully submitted,

James Scamman, Jr., Chairman  
Helen LaFave, Secretary

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Economic Development Committee was appointed by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to Article 18 of the Town Warrant approved by the Town Meeting of 1996. Article 18 reads in part, "The objectives of this committee shall be to secure the most desirable and compatible industrial and commercial growth, to recommend appropriate zoning changes when needed, and to recommend any changes needed to maintain a favorable regulatory climate."

At its first meeting on June 9, 1997, the committee began the process of organization with the election of a Chair and Secretary. Members accepted on-going assignments to attend and observe the deliberations of other boards and committees dealing with economic issues and the committee undertook the tasks of formulating a mission statement, a delineation of responsibilities, and the establishment of specific goals with appropriate action plans. While much progress has been made toward accomplishing these tasks, they continue to be important items of the committee's agenda.

Not surprisingly, the committee soon discovered there was much to be learned about the process of economic development. For this reason the members have devoted much of their time meeting with local, county, and state officials to learn about the resources and services available to communities like Stratham to facilitate economic growth.

Currently, the committee is compiling an inventory of local businesses to establish a baseline for future development efforts. A business visitation program is also being considered together with a proposal to sponsor a local Business Roundtable.

It is important for the committee to understand and appreciate the views of the Town residents and business community toward further economic development. The committee recognizes the responsibility of preserving the tranquil, rural atmosphere that has made Stratham a special place in the heart of the Seacoast to live and work. All members of the community are therefore invited to attend committee meetings which are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM in the Municipal Center. The committee can also be contacted by leaving a message at the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Horlacher, Secretary  
Bob Holmes  
Keith Johnson  
Worth Slade  
Stella Scamman, Chairman

## STRATHAM HILL PARK ASSOCIATION

People visiting the Park may have noticed some improvements done to the area. Both ball fields have had new fences put up. The old little league field was completely renovated and grass and sod was planted. The parking lot received a shim coat of asphalt to help preserve it.

On a sad note, the fire tower was burned down by suspicious causes. The tower has been a sight of some vandalism because of its isolation. Some suggested that the tower should be removed because it is a liability. Most responses have been to reconstruct the tower as it stood. The Park Association agreed, and formed a committee to analyze the situation and came up with recommendations. It was decided that a fire proof viewing stand would be constructed. Specifications were drawn up and bids for construction were advertised. The job was awarded to Darren's Welding. He has already started with the construction and it will hopefully be in place by April 30th. A fund raising drive has begun to help with the cost of construction. Our goal is to raise twenty five thousand dollars to cover all the expenses associated with the viewing stand and improvements around the tower.

The State Police have asked permission to use the tower for the placement of an antenna for their radio communications. They also asked to build a twelve by twelve foot block building on top of the hill to store the equipment. Another antenna could be placed on the tower to service local police and fire department needs. The antennas are relatively small and should not interfere with the view from the tower. The construction of the block building will be voted on at the March Town Meeting.

In closing, I would like to thank all the volunteers and paid workers that have helped out in the Park. Anyone interested in attending our meetings are most welcomed. We meet on the fourth Monday of the odd month, at 8:30 PM in the Selectmen's meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon L. Barker  
Stratham Hill Park Association

P.S. If you are interested in donating to the tower reconstruction, please send your contribution, payable to the Stratham Hill Park Association, 10 Bunker Hill Avenue, Stratham, NH 03885.



## RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Stratham Recreation Department had a very busy and productive year. At Stratham Hill Park we have renovated the baseball field. It is scheduled to reopen in the spring of this year, thanks to the efforts of many groups in town. Special thanks to the Stratham Highway Department, Bill Jeralds, and the innumerable volunteers, without whom, none of our programs could succeed. The food shack has been completed. Kudos to Tom & Heidi Burwell and others for their extraordinary effort.

The Recreation Board has created and accepted a complete set of bylaws. Copies will be available at the Wiggin Memorial Library & Town Office for your viewing. By completing the bylaws we now have a working document that establishes policies, procedures and goals.

We have a summer theme camp for children entering the first through fourth grades. It is held at Stratham Hill Park in two sessions, one in July and one in August. We focus on teamwork and social development through creative play. We also sponsor a summer soccer camp using the instruction of coaches from Great Britain who stay in sponsor homes in Stratham. This program is enthusiastically attended by Stratham soccer players. The Recreation Department also sponsors roller skating throughout the school year, ski trips, an annual Easter Egg Hunt, and a dance for Stratham Sixth Graders.

The Stratham Seventy Sixers remain one of the more active groups in town, participating in numerous Recreation Department sponsored excursions throughout the year.

The Stratham Recreation Department sponsors the following sports programs enjoyed by hundreds of Stratham children and their families:

**Basketball** - 250 boys and girls ages 7 -12. We offer coed and girls recreational teams, plus traveling teams at 5th and 6th grade level.

**Baseball** - 350 children ages 6 - 15. Programs vary from T-ball, baseball to Babe Ruth. All-Star baseball for 5th and 6th graders, play in tournaments.

**Softball** - 300 girls ages 10 -14. Spring is an instructional league where every girl participates. We play in a Seacoast League with a play off tournament. Summer Softball plays in a Seacoast League and in State Tournaments.

**Soccer** - 550 Boys and Girls ages 6 - 14. We offer coed and girls recreation programs with a traveling team program which plays on a State - wide competitive basis. Congratulations to the under 12 team (Stratham Strikers), **Division #2 State Champions.**

**Adult** - Men's basketball on Sunday and Thursday nights at the SMS gym. We have aerobics and exercise programs all year.



## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

This winter has not been too bad on us at the Highway Department so far. The weather has enabled us to get a lot of roadside chipping done. When old man winter does hit, we will be ready!

Our biggest project last year was the reconstruction of half of Crestview Terrace. This year we hope to do the other half as well and continue to maintain the cemeteries and transfer station.

We're asking to be able to get a new truck and backhoe this year to do all the drainage work necessary in Town. With the amount of work that needs to be done, owning will be better than renting equipment.

Paving, drainage and salting are three of the most expensive items in our budget and they all depend on the budget process itself. If the money is sufficient more things can get done.

We think we do a fine job maintaining the roads in Stratham even as they grow in number each year. Thank you for your cooperation! Please call us at 772-5550 with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Hutton, Highway Agent  
Cameron Sewall  
Russell Stevens  
Don Dubbs

## LAMPREY REGIONAL COOPERATIVE

In 1997, we continued to monitor the Landfill in Somersworth. As of the end of the year, the Landfill looks great. A committee was appointed to discuss disposition of the old incinerator building with representatives from UNH. Although it has not been finalized we believe we have an agreement in principle with the University of New Hampshire. If finalized, this agreement should not create any additional financial burdens on our member communities.

The Towns of Epping, Madbury, Newington, Rollinsford and Northwood are continuing to utilize Lamprey's services including the hauling and brokering of their Municipal Solid Waste.

At this time, I would like to thank all of the communities for their cooperation with the closure of our Waste - to - Energy plant in Durham and the Landfill in Somersworth.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Moriarty  
Chairman of Board  
Lamprey Regional Cooperative

## STRATHAM MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION

Every spring begins the same way; as temperatures rise and the snow disappears, we begin to turn our attention to thoughts of barbecues, baseball and pools. In mosquito control, we think of pools too. But, the pools we are thinking of are the stagnant puddles of water in swamps and on roadsides and salt marshes. These are the breeding grounds for the mosquitoes that seem to exist only to spoil your fun. That's why we go to work as soon as they do. We target nuisance mosquitoes, as well as mosquitoes that have the potential to carry and spread diseases, such as eastern equine encephalitis (EEE for short). This strain of encephalitis has been a growing cause for concern in recent years, as other New England states have reported cases. In 1997 we began to send our collected samples of mosquitoes to be tested. Fortunately, none of the mosquitoes we collected were found to be carrying the disease.

The most notorious mosquito in the coastal area is the salt marsh mosquito, *Aedes sollicitans*. These mosquitoes breed five or more generations each season. Their larvae hatch after flood tides or heavy rains, and become airborne adults within a week. This means we have to work fast, to stay ahead of their development. We venture out on the marshes with backpack sprayers, which we use to disperse the *Bacillus* bacteria BTI into the breeding pools. This bacteria kills the larvae before they can develop into biting adults. After the mosquitoes become adults (we can't kill them all, no matter how hard we try) a truck mounted sprayer is utilized to dispense the synthetic pyrethroid known as Permethrin. Adulticiding kills mosquitoes that get past our larviciding program, as well as adult mosquitoes that have made their way into town from neighboring Exeter, who had no mosquito control program in 1997. This adulticiding technique played an important role in making Stratham Hill Park comfortable for the Stratham Fair.

Residents who do not wish to have their property sprayed for mosquitoes, larvae or adults, should contact the mosquito control program every spring. Call 778-3906 or write P.O. Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885. Please include your name, address, daytime phone number, size of your property (especially road frontage), and a description of the boundaries (landmarks).

Another ongoing program on the salt marshes is greenhead fly control. The black boxes that are visible from the road are greenhead fly traps. Greenhead flies are attracted to the shade they provide, and work their way up into an opening on the underside of the box, where they die of dehydration - if the spiders and birds don't get them first. They are our allies in fighting these aggressive insects.

We encourage residents who seek additional information about the mosquito control program, disease, insecticides, precautions, or what you can do to cut down the population in your own yard, to call the mosquito control office May-September at 778-3906. Thank you for reading this report.

Sarah MacGregor, Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc.



## WIGGIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

"The end" of things, such as a year, naturally leads to reflection, and for those in the information business, there's no tool of looking back quite like statistics. Numbers give us a frame on which to build an understanding of the past, and so to that end, I offer a few relevant numbers about the year that has just ended for the Wiggin Memorial Library.

The library added almost 2,400 titles to its collection in 1997, and almost 450 people to its patronage. That means that more than 12 percent of patrons are new to the library this year. The library borrowed 525 books, videos, audio tapes and magazines from other libraries on behalf of its patrons. At the average cost of \$11.58 to add a book, the use of other libraries in New Hampshire saved Stratham more than \$6,000 last year.

The library checked out almost 85,000 of its own items in 1997, 12 percent more than last year and almost double the circulation for 1991. The average Stratham resident paid \$18.10 in taxes in 1997 to support the library, and in return borrowed 14 items.

More than half of the Stratham population holds active library cards. Those library users may choose from more than 8,500 adult novels, 5,300 children's picture books, almost 1,200 videos and nearly 600 books on tape, plus compact disks, art prints, magazines, reference works, non-fiction at all levels, and much more. The library's holdings now number more than 34,000 items.

The library sponsored 198 programs in 1997. Nearly 2,300 people attended children's story hours, chess nights, programs on personal finance, a puppet making workshop, and more.

There is much that the numbers can't tell; the amount of family time built around library visits, the time saved by having experienced researchers available to help the public, the community building that occurred when groups met formally and informally in the library over the last year. But the numbers shadow these less tangible effects. The numbers are a reflection of how much the community has been present in the library, and vice-versa.

In 1997, the library added Internet access, new services to teens, and more evening hours, while strengthening and expanding existing services. In short, the library continues to grow as a presence in the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sullivan, Director



## STRATHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

1997

Stratham Historical Society continues to accumulate irreplaceable history of the Town. After the closure of the Winnicutt Grange, the papers were donated to the Society. These documents and memorabilia join those of the Unity Club, previously received. We have also accepted photographs and postcards, several family genealogies, and other Stratham related artifacts.

Programs were: Jim Rolston, Stratham Postmaster, presented "Postcards of Greenland & Stratham" in January, while Priscilla Triggs and Harold Fernald treated us to "High Tea with President and Mrs. Franklin Pierce" in March. "Down and Out in America, the Great Depression" presented by Dr. Lawrence Douglas, in cooperation with the N.H. Humanities Council, was enjoyed by all, and especially those who have lived through it. All our programs are free, and open the public.

We had our second Boston Post Cane Ceremony in April, when Ruth Breslin was honored as the Town's eldest citizen. The School outreach program continued with the 3rd grade classes at the museum building. The program to plaque early houses goes on, with several being done in 1997. Our first membership drive resulted in a 10% increase in membership.

Fund raising efforts to purchase museum materials, an antiques show at the Park, sales of pizza at the Fair, and baked goods at the voting polls provide financial support. The exterior woodwork and windows of the museum building were painted, and we installed a programmable thermostat in an effort to further conserve fuel.

Visitors continue to come from near and far to do genealogical research. We also respond to inquiries when received. Our Wiggin genealogy is perhaps the best in the U.S.

The Heritage Commission is meeting at the Historical Society Building, and making use of our reference materials as needed.

We wish to express our thanks to the Board of Selectmen for their continued support in all facets of our endeavors. Our open hours are: Tuesdays 9am - 11:30 am, Thursdays 2pm - 4pm, 1st Sunday of each month 2 - 4 pm, and by appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara K. Mann, President, SHS



TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

REPORT ON AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1996



## **Bernard, Johnson & Company, P.C.**

Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Stratham  
Stratham, NH 03885

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire, and its combining and individual fund financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996. In planning and performing our audit, we considered its internal control structure in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure. However, we did not note any matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control system that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Selectmen, Officers, and management. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report which, upon acceptance, is a matter of public record.

*Bernard, Johnson & Company, P.C.*

Portsmouth, New Hampshire  
June 19, 1997



TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
REPORT ON AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

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## **Bernard, Johnson & Company, P.C.**

Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Stratham  
Stratham, NH 03885

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements, based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The Town has not maintained a record of its general fixed assets and accordingly a statement of general fixed assets, required by generally accepted accounting principles, is not presented in the financial report.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Stratham as of December 31, 1996, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its proprietary fund types and nonexpendable Trust Funds for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

*Bernard, Johnson & Company, P.C.*

Portsmouth, New Hampshire  
June 19, 1997

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET  
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS  
DECEMBER 31, 1996

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Type	Total (Memorandum only) (Note 4)	
	General	Special Revenue	Trust	1996	1995
<b>ASSETS:</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$3,112,416	\$89,192	\$213,859	\$3,415,467	\$3,573,098
Investments - at market	-	1,300	255,935	257,235	234,860
Receivables					
Taxes-uncollected	852,575	-	-	852,575	833,293
Taxes-unredeemed	245,347	-	-	245,347	182,110
Tax deeded property	11,086	-	-	11,086	8,570
Due from other funds	-	1,859	-	1,859	4,210
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$4,221,424</b>	<b>\$92,351</b>	<b>\$469,794</b>	<b>\$4,783,569</b>	<b>\$4,836,141</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>					
Due to school	\$3,918,131	\$ -	\$ -	\$3,918,131	\$4,024,081
Deferred revenue	-	82,842	-	82,842	65,596
Due to other funds	-	-	1,859	1,859	4,210
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>3,918,131</b>	<b>82,842</b>	<b>1,859</b>	<b>4,002,832</b>	<b>4,093,887</b>
<b>FUND EQUITIES:</b>					
Appropriated	13,546	-	92,949	106,495	155,194
Unappropriated	289,747	9,509	-	299,256	242,626
Unexpendable trust principal	-	-	292,402	292,402	267,205
Expendable trust income	-	-	82,584	82,584	77,229
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITIES</b>	<b>303,293</b>	<b>9,509</b>	<b>467,935</b>	<b>780,737</b>	<b>742,254</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$4,221,424</b>	<b>\$92,351</b>	<b>\$469,794</b>	<b>\$4,783,569</b>	<b>\$4,836,144</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Type	Totals (Memorandum Only) (Note 4)	
	General	Special Revenue	Expendable Trusts	1996	1995
REVENUES:					
Taxes	\$ 8,831,248	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,831,248	\$8,058,944
Intergovernmental sources	240,261	-	-	240,261	261,865
Local sources	1,090,923	7,030	-	1,097,953	1,033,263
Investments	70,414	778	17,853	89,045	106,904
TOTAL REVENUES	10,232,846	7,808	17,853	10,258,507	9,460,976
EXPENDITURES:					
General government	737,681	6,614	3,008	747,303	584,862
Public safety	463,930	-	-	463,930	395,696
Highway and streets	375,096	-	-	375,096	305,220
Sanitation	238,943	-	-	238,943	374,935
Health & welfare	56,392	-	-	56,392	49,862
Parks & recreation	51,556	-	2,000	53,556	48,875
Debt service	57,765	-	-	57,765	73,585
Capital outlay & special warrants	141,082	-	-	141,082	252,025
Library	-	110,708	-	110,708	97,106
County	555,065	-	-	555,065	527,208
School district	7,418,131	-	27,000	7,445,131	6,824,081
Other	-	-	250	250	5,668
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	10,095,641	117,322	32,258	10,245,221	9,539,123
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	137,205	(109,514)	(14,405)	13,286	(78,147)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Operating transfers-in	-	104,315	10,000	114,315	98,433
Operating transfers-out	(111,445)	-	(2,870)	(114,315)	(98,433)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(111,445)	104,315	7,130	-	-
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	25,760	(5,199)	(7,275)	13,286	(78,147)
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	277,533	14,708	182,808	475,049	553,196
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ 303,293	\$ 9,509	\$175,533	\$ 488,335	\$ 475,049

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCES - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL  
GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

	General Fund		Special Revenue Fund Types		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	
REVENUES:					
Taxes	\$ 8,754,500	\$ 8,831,248	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental sources	185,072	240,261	-	-	-
Local sources	994,100	1,090,923	-	-	-
Investments	60,000	70,414	-	7,030	7,030
				778	778
TOTAL REVENUES	9,993,672	10,232,846	-	7,808	7,808
EXPENDITURES:					
General government	662,048	737,681	-	6,614	(6,614)
Public safety	459,720	463,930	-	-	-
Highway and streets	409,852	375,096	-	-	-
Sanitation	268,809	238,943	-	-	-
Health & welfare	60,430	56,392	-	-	-
Parks & recreation	54,760	51,556	-	-	-
Debt service	70,000	57,765	-	-	-
Capital outlay & special warrants	151,056	141,082	-	-	-
Library	-	-	101,445	110,708	(9,263)
County	555,065	555,065	-	-	-
School district	7,418,131	7,418,131	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	10,109,871	10,095,641	101,445	117,322	(15,877)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(116,199)	137,205	(101,445)	(109,514)	(8,069)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Operating transfers-in	-	-	101,445	104,315	2,870
Operating transfers-out	(111,445)	(111,445)	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(111,445)	(111,445)	101,445	104,315	2,870
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(227,644)	25,760	-	(5,199)	(5,199)
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	277,533	277,533	14,708	14,708	-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ 49,889	\$ 303,293	\$ 14,708	\$ 9,509	\$ (5,199)

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCES - ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES & SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

	Fiduciary Fund Type Non Expandable Trusts
REVENUES	
New trusts	\$ 3,600
Realized and unrealized gain on investments	<u>21,597</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>25,197</u>
EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>
EXCESS REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>25,197</u>
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>267,205</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$292,402</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES & SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

	Fiduciary Fund Type Non-Expendable Trusts
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Operating income	<u>\$ 25,197</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATIONS	<u>25,197</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Purchase of securities	<u>(21,596)</u>
NET CASH USED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>(21,596)</u>
NET INCREASE IN CASH	3,601
CASH – BEGINNING	<u>32,867</u>
CASH - ENDING	<u><u>\$ 36,468</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

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#### 1. REPORTING ENTITY:

The Town of Stratham (the Town) was incorporated in 1716 under the laws of the State of New Hampshire and operates under an elected three-member Board of Selectmen. In fiscal year 1996, it was determined that no entities met the required Government Accounting Standards Board statement #14 criteria of component units.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The accounting policies of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire, conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The Town's reporting entity applies all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. Proprietary funds apply Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case, GASB prevails.

##### Basis of Presentation-Fund Accounting

The activities of the Town are accounted for through the use of several funds. Each fund is a separate accounting entity utilizing separate sets of self-balancing accounts which are summarized by type in the financial statements. The following fund types are used by the Town:

##### Governmental Funds

Government Funds are those through which most governmental functions of the Town are financed. The acquisition, use and balances of the Town's expendable financial resources and the related liabilities (except those accounted for in fiduciary and proprietary funds) are accounted for through governmental funds. The measurement focus is based upon determination of changes in financial position, rather than upon net income determination. The following are the Town's governmental fund types:

**General Fund** - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Most revenue and expenditures of a general government nature are accounted for in this fund.

**Special Revenue Funds** - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than special assessments, expendable trusts, or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to specified purposes.



## TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

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#### Fiduciary Funds

Trust and Agency Funds - Fiduciary Funds are used to account for assets held by the Town in a trustee capacity. These include Expendable Trusts, Non-expendable Trusts and Agency Funds. Non-expendable Trusts are held by the Town whereby the principal balance cannot be spent; however, investment earnings may be spent for the intended purpose, while Expendable Trusts are accounted for similar to governmental funds. Agency Funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

#### Basis of Accounting

Basis of Accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

All Governmental Funds and Expendable Trust Funds are accounted or using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Taxpayer-assessed income, gross receipts, and sales taxes are considered "measurable" when in the hands of intermediary collecting governments and are recognized as revenue at that time. Anticipated refunds of such taxes are recorded as liabilities and reductions of revenue when they are measurable and their validity seems certain. Property tax revenue is measured in the year levied.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule include: (1) accumulated unpaid vacation, sick pay, and other employee amounts which are not accrued; and (2) principal and interest on general long-term debt which is recognized when due.

All Proprietary Funds and Non-expendable Trust and Pension Trust Funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they are earned and their expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and cash equivalents - The Town's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996  
(CONTINUED)

Investments - Investments are stated at market value as required by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 115 Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities. Marketable equity securities and debt securities should be classified as either held to maturity, trading, or available-for-sale. Debt securities classified as held-to-maturity should be reported in the balance sheet at amortized cost. Trading securities and available-for-sale securities are reported at fair value.

Accounting for Encumbrances - Encumbrance accounting is used for the General Fund and special revenue funds. Encumbrances are recorded when purchase orders are issued but are not considered expenditures until liabilities for payments are incurred. Encumbrances are reported as a reservation of fund balance on the balance sheet. Encumbrances do not lapse at the close of the fiscal year but are carried forward as reserved fund balance until liquidated.

Budgetary Control - An annual appropriated budget is adopted for the Town's general fund. Budgets are prepared by the budget committee and selectmen on a detailed line-item basis. Revenues are budgeted by source. Expenditures are budgeted by department and character (salaries, utilities, supplies, etc.). The budget is voted on and enacted at Town Meeting in the aggregate. The final budget is then presented to the Department of Revenue Administration for their review and approval of the tax rate. Certain limitations set by state statute must be adhered to before the rate is established. Since the budget is voted on in the aggregate the total becomes the legal level of control. Within this control level, the selectmen may transfer appropriations without further action from the Town.

3. APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

The balance in the general fund account - appropriated fund balance - represents unexpended funds for current and previous years special appropriations for the following purposes:

Town Clerk computer	\$ 555
1 ton pick-up truck	1,022
Facilities development	11,969
	<u>\$13,546</u>

The balance in the trust funds represent unexpended capital reserve accounts established for the following:

Land conservation	\$66,902
School improvements	26,047
	<u>\$92,949</u>

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996  
(CONTINUED)

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TOTAL COLUMNS ON COMBINED STATEMENTS - OVERVIEW:

Total columns on the Combined Statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Such data is not comparable to a consolidation since interfund elimination's have not been made.

PROPERTY TAX CYCLE:

Property taxes are based on values assessed as of April 1, and are normally due by December 1, or thirty days subsequent to mailing date, whichever is later. Taxes due and unpaid after the respective due date are subject to interest at 12%. The Town has an ultimate right to foreclose on property for which taxes have not been paid. 90 days after the taxes become delinquent the tax collector can initiate the tax lien/sale procedure by notifying the taxpayer by certified mail that they have 32 days to pay the bill or a lien shall be recorded against the property at the Registrar of Deeds. Once such lien is placed, interest increases to 18%.

If full redemption of such outstanding tax lien is not timely made within two years of the execution of the lien, including statutory interest and costs accrued thereon, a tax deed may be issued to the holder of such lien pursuant to RSA 80:38 or RSA 80:76, and disposed of as the deed holder shall determine.

PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:

The Town has not maintained a complete record of general fixed assets and accordingly a complete statement of general fixed assets required by generally accepted accounting principles is not included.

CASH AND INVESTMENTS:

RSA 48:16 requires that all funds belonging to the Town shall be deposited in solvent banks within the state, except funds may be deposited in banks outside the state if such banks pledge and deliver collateral to the state treasurer of equal value as the funds deposited. There is no requirement of an in-state bank to collateralize deposits in excess of FDIC insurance.



TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996  
(CONTINUED)

7. CASH AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

The Town's cash deposits and investments at December 31, 1996, are categorized by maturity date and by the level of risk assumed by the Town. The risk categories are defined as follows:

- (1) Insured or collateralized with securities held by the Town or its agent in Town's name;
- (2) Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the Town's name;
- (3) Uncollateralized or uninsured for which securities are held by the financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the Town's name.

At December 31, 1996, the Town's deposits and investments consisted of the following:

	<u>Categories</u>			<u>Total</u>	<u>Market</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Value</u>
Demand deposits	\$214,703	\$ -	\$2,854,024	\$3,068,727	\$3,068,727
Securities	-	-	197,098	197,098	257,235
	\$214,703	\$ -	3,051,122	\$3,265,825	\$3,325,961
Investments not subject to categorization- New Hampshire Public Deposit and Investment Pool				346,740	346,740
	\$214,703	\$ -	\$3,051,122	\$3,612,565	\$3,672,701

8. RECONCILIATION OF BUDGET AS APPROVED AT TOWN MEETING TO GAAP BASIS BUDGET:

Total appropriations - Town Meeting	\$10,192,260
Add: Prior years' appropriations expended	
1994 Revaluation	6,180
1995 Dump Truck	33,922
1995 Town Clerk Computer	1,945
Less: 1996 Appropriations carried forward	
1 Ton Pick-Up Truck	(1,022)
Facilities Development	(11,969)
	<u>\$10,221,316</u>



TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

DETAILED STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:			
TAXES:			
Property	\$8,860,710	\$ 8,860,710	\$ -
Land use charge	20,000	23,173	3,173
Yield tax	600	44	(556)
Discounts	(126,810)	(52,679)	74,131
	8,754,500	8,831,248	76,748
INTERGOVERNMENTAL SOURCES:			
Shared revenues-state	104,184	148,342	44,158
Highway subsidies-state	76,170	76,170	-
FEMA grant-federal	-	15,531	15,531
Other-state	4,718	218	(4,500)
	185,072	240,261	55,189
LOCAL SOURCES:			
Outside Police details	25,000	24,987	(13)
Motor vehicle registrations	700,000	730,713	30,713
Franchise fee	31,500	31,596	96
Interest on deposits	60,000	70,414	10,414
Rent & sale of Town property	34,500	42,965	8,465
Permits, filing fees	15,000	42,447	27,447
Dog licenses	4,500	2,227	(2,273)
Interest & penalties on taxes	90,000	80,007	(9,993)
Income from departments	55,000	76,381	21,381
Insurance & refunds	38,600	49,157	10,557
Other	-	10,443	10,443
	1,054,100	1,161,337	107,237
TOTAL REVENUES	\$9,993,672	\$10,232,846	\$239,174

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

DETAILED STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXPENDITURES:			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Executive	\$151,042	\$149,075	\$ 1,967
Election, registration, and vital statistics	3,220	4,367	(1,147)
Financial administration	52,800	47,520	5,280
Legal	80,000	114,933	(34,933)
Employee benefits	65,810	61,555	4,255
Planning and zoning	54,018	59,108	(5,090)
General government buildings	68,770	66,683	2,087
Cemeteries	23,330	12,345	10,985
Insurance	163,058	151,998	11,060
Abatements/Refunds	-	70,097	(70,097)
	662,048	737,681	(75,633)
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Police	386,709	393,754	(7,045)
Fire	71,811	70,132	1,679
Emergency management	1,200	44	1,156
	459,720	463,930	(4,210)
HIGHWAYS & STREETS:			
Town maintenance	403,952	370,504	33,448
Street lights	5,900	4,592	1,308
	409,852	375,096	34,756
SANITATION:			
Trash pick-up	268,809	238,943	29,866
HEALTH & WELFARE:			
Town poor	6,100	4,270	1,830
Health department	25,855	25,655	200
Animal control	3,000	992	2,008
Mosquito control	25,475	25,475	-
	60,430	56,392	4,038
PARKS & RECREATION:			
Parks	27,010	25,394	1,616
Recreation	27,000	25,644	1,356
Patriotic	750	518	232
	54,760	51,556	3,204

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

DETAILED STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXPENDITURES (Cont'd)			
DEBT SERVICE:			
Interest - short term	\$ 70,000	\$ 57,765	\$ 12,235
CAPITAL OUTLAY & SPECIAL WARRANTS:			
Revaluation	6,180	6,180	-
Town clerk computer	1,945	1,945	-
Dump truck	33,922	32,162	1,760
Firehouse improvements	33,000	32,977	23
1 ton pick-up truck	34,978	28,488	6,490
3/4 ton pick up truck	26,000	25,049	951
Facilities development	8,031	8,031	-
Voting tabulator	7,000	6,250	750
	151,056	141,082	9,974
COUNTY	555,065	555,065	-
SCHOOL DISTRICT	7,418,131	7,418,131	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	10,109,871	10,095,641	14,230
EXCESS DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(116,199)	137,205	253,404
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Operating transfers-in	-	-	-
Operating transfers-out	(111,445)	(111,445)	-
TOTAL OTHER SOURCES (USES)	(111,445)	(111,445)	-
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(227,644)	25,760	253,404
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	277,533	277,533	-
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 49,889	\$ 303,293	\$253,404





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**VITAL STATISTICS**

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BIRTHS REGISTERED IN STRATHAM FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

DATE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
Jan 06	Hannah Rose Mei-Lin Merrill	F	Portsmouth	Nathan C. S. Merrill	Judith Mei-Lin Daudier
Jan 07	Sophie Mae Kenny	F	Exeter	William Edward Kenny	Catherine Mary Prior
Jan 14	Joshua Taylor Barrett	M	Portsmouth	Michael Eric Barrett	Heidi Ann Witham
Feb 02	Madison Sinclair Dicarlo	M	Exeter	Ronald Lee Dicarlo	Julie Ann Dewitt
Feb 06	Jeremy Kalman Champney	M	Portsmouth	Scott Edward Champney	Deborah Lynn Kalman
Feb 18	Michael Christopher Thurston	M	Portsmouth	Peter Michael Thurston	Karen Jean Weise
Feb 25	Emmalee Jenna Fixler	F	Exeter	Elliot Jason Fixler	Tammy Lee Hull
Feb 25	Evan Joseph Fixler	M	Exeter	Elliot Jason Fixler	Tammy Lee Hull
Mar 13	Joshua Michael Norman Carlisle	M	Portsmouth	Michael Francis Carlisle	Cheryl Ann Wake
Mar 24	Eric Michael Jordan	M	Portsmouth	Douglas Michael Jordan	Janet Anne St Peter
Mar 25	Brigitte Dubois	F	Exeter	Vincent Jean Dubois	Amy Young
Mar 27	Nicolas Matthew Fair	M	Exeter	Gerald Henry Fair III	Cara Ann Ferraiuolo
Apr 03	Jessica Lynn Eaton	F	Exeter	Christopher Merrill Eaton	Dawn Marie Brackett
Apr 09	David John Harvey Jr.	M	Exeter	David John Harvey	Caryl Anne Brandland
Apr 12	Emily Rose Rieder	F	Portsmouth	Mark Howard Rieder	Deborah Anne Surrette
Apr 15	Lucas William Gaynor	M	Portsmouth	David Michael Gaynor	Christina Maria Giudice
Apr 18	Caragh Jeannette Afton Collins	F	Portsmouth	Barry John Collins	Susan Jeannette Corkery
Apr 20	Joseph Brady Bernstein	M	Portsmouth	Joseph Bernstein	Beverly Ann Robichand
Apr 29	Julia Elizabeth Greene	F	Exeter	Robert Charles Greene	Carla Jean McMahon
May 08	Matthew Isaac Altner	M	Exeter	Michael Gary Altner	Sarah Ann Tamber
May 08	Jordan Patricia Strater	F	Exeter	Charles Godfrey Strater	Darcy Dearborn Brewitt
May 08	Peter Howard Dionne	M	Portsmouth	Thomas Oscar Dionne	Susan Howard
May 12	Luke Thomas Doverspike	M	Portsmouth	Richard Thomas Doverspike	Michelle Lynn Hippe
May 13	Elise Sara Leavitt	F	Portsmouth	Allan Lloyd Leavitt	Sara Marie Belyea
May 14	Benjamin Joseph Donette	M	Exeter	Timothy Allen Donette	Kelley Suzanne Todd
May 16	Victoria Pearl Davis	F	Exeter	Steven Glen Davis	Kimberly Ann Fisher
May 23	Devin Ralph Sargent	M	Portsmouth	Ralph David Sargent	Christina Lee Barnes
May 25	Emma Rachel Henricks	F	Portsmouth	Steven Carl Henricks	Barbara Helene Dugan
June 03	Sierra Madeline Tourville	F	Portsmouth	Robert Charles Tourville	Madeline Ruth Chapman
June 05	Ryan David Gruszcynski	M	Portsmouth	David John Gruszcynski	Kristine Krzeuk
June 06	Anna Colby Snow	F	Portsmouth	Steven Richard Snow	Kim Anne Colby
June 10	Nicholas Michael Brooks	M	Portsmouth	Steven Michael Brooks	Dawna Lee Stewart
June 17	Isabel Brienne Roche	F	Exeter	Carl Steven Roche	Kathleen June Durkin
June 20	Evan Russell Bowley	M	Exeter	David Paul Bowley	Kristen Anne Russell

June 25	Rebecca Lynn Merchant	F	Portsmouth	Jeffery Scott Merchant	Marcia Heather Fair
June 25	Marcia Heather Merchant	F	Portsmouth	Jeffery Scott Merchant	Marcia Heather Fair
June 28	Ryan John Fitzgerald	M	Exeter	John Joseph Fitzgerald	Laurie Anne Noy
July 01	Thomas Andrew McGuinness	M	Portsmouth	Thomas Charles McGuinness	Julie Anne Kopecki
July 07	Daniel James Fitzgibbons	M	Dover	James Michael Fitzgibbons	Naomi Elaine Franklin
July 10	Joseph Burnett Grinde	M	Exeter	Roger Bertram Grinde	Michelle Marie Harris
July 11	Helena Jo Hepler	F	Dover	Christopher Scott Hepler	Andra Lynn Dezee
July 21	Emily Britton Belden	F	Exeter	Christopher Stewart Belden	Shannon Lee Doody
July 22	Samuel Lee Green	M	Portsmouth	Jeffrey Jay Green	Anita Dawn Polsgrove
July 29	Hayley Elizabeth Randall	F	Exeter	Scott Charles Randall	Sandra Beth Hunt
Aug 18	Rachel Lauren Salzman	F	Exeter	David Morris Salzman	Beth Jodi Meister
Aug 19	Christine Wright Avery	F	Portsmouth	Christopher Wright Avery	Victoria Lindsay
Sept 04	Marley Lyn Jordan	F	Portsmouth	Michael Erik Jordan	Monique Lyn Schimoler
Sept 07	Maximiliano Eduardo Pollini	M	Stratham	Robert Andrea Pollini	Teresa Reardon-Pollini
Sept 09	Nicholas Daniel Moore	M	Exeter	Wedall Dewayne Moore	Deborah Ann Roberts
Sept 20	Liam Christopher O'Shea	M	Portsmouth	Christopher Joseph O'Shea	Nancy Lee Reed
Sept 23	Kailey Anne Huot	F	Exeter	Jon Francis Huot	Donna Marlene Forbord
Sept 23	Matthew Edward Ryan	M	Portsmouth	James Patrick Ryan	Mary Ellen Heavey
Sept 24	Molly Nicole McGunnigle	F	Exeter	John Edward McGunnigle	Lori Ann Saffron
Sept 25	Lauren Elizabeth Edwards	F	Portsmouth	William Ray Edwards	Amy Pauline Elshout
Oct 01	Gillian Louise Kelley	F	Exeter	James Philip Kelley	Stephanie Anne Boyle
Oct 13	Luke Lance Ludington	M	Portsmouth	Howard Jerome Ludington III	Nellita Maria Torres
Oct 16	Camden Christenson Ward	M	Portsmouth	Mark Joseph Ward	Dari Lynn Christenson
Oct 22	Henry David Driscoll	M	Exeter	John Francis Driscoll	Amy Renee Lyons
Oct 31	Evan Ramcharitar St Germain	M	Exeter	Jeffrey Charles St Germain	Bina Ramcharitar
Nov 02	Joshua Connor Paulding	M	Exeter	Michael James Paulding	Sally Elizabeth Paulding
Nov 03	Courtney Clancy Tymann	F	Portsmouth	Jonathan Robert Tymann	Carlene MarieRebecca Clancy
Nov 04	Victoria Lynn Badala	F	Portsmouth	Rudolph Badala Jr	Cynthia Lynn Cappuccio
Nov 11	Daniel Charles Weinhold	M	Portsmouth	Peter Matthew Weinhold	Kristin Jean Weinhold
Nov 15	Johan Kenneth Arnell	M	Portsmouth	Lars Erik Arnell	Kymberly Jo Arnell
Nov 30	Ethan James Vander Woude	M	Portsmouth	Ricky Dean Vander Woude	Melissa Leigh Wolfe
Nov 30	Corinne Mary McNulty	F	Portsmouth	Thomas Joseph McNulty	Karen Ann Quinn
Dec 02	Rebecca Brady Cole	F	Portsmouth	Bertrand Phillip Cole	Denise Ann Therese Brady



DEATHS REGISTERED IN STRATHAM FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTH PLACE	NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
Jan. 13	Ernest H. Bayer	92	PA	Harry Bayer	Mary Manley
Jan. 17	Mildred Elizabeth Cochran	101	PA	Frank Bayard	Elizabeth Bagnell
Feb. 3	William Joseph LaLiberty	70	NH	Joseph A. LaLiberty	Eva St. Hilaire
Mar. 3	Ruth Bader	93	NY	Samuel Bader	Jeanette Berkenfeld
Mar. 13	Fernande Poulin Gagnon	78	ME	Ernest Poulin	Blanche Larochelle
Mar. 17	Gloria May Day	66	MA	William S. Saplin	Sarah Chulyk
Mar. 22	Emily Blanche Palardy	88	MA	Joseph Yukna	Anna Gelzinis
Mar. 31	Ellis Thompson Winch	82	MA	Herman S. Winch	Edith Thompson
Apr. 14	Arthur H. Allen	88	MA	Axel E. Allen	Hilma Eugenia Carlson
Apr. 21	Carl Edward Rogalski	62	NH	Edward F. Rogalski	Elsa A. Lind
June 11	Helen Susan Stevens	88	NH	George C. Sewall	Lucy J. Laughton
June 30	Kenneth Henry Grant	83	NH	Henry H. Grant	Hattie Villars
July 18	Donna Ann King	56	MA	James Sullivan	Phyllis Burke
Sept. 14	Mary Isabelle Cale	81	NY	James Myles	Mary Casey
Oct. 05	Cynthia Ann O'Donnell	54	MA	Arthur O'Donnell	Hazel Rousseau
Oct. 10	Henry Joseph Burwell Jr.	66	MA	Henry Joseph Burwell Sr.	Mary Forsyth
Oct. 17	Greta Elizabeth LaBonte	55	MA	Edward M. Dalrymple	Greta Doejay
Oct. 25	Edgar Nelson Wylie	96	MA	Emmons K. Wylie	Mabel Tatten
Dec. 03	David Bernard Drummond	79	MA	David F. Drummond	Sarah Gorham
Dec. 13	Thomas A. Spencer	54	MA	Thomas D. Spencer	Lorraine Burchstead



MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN STRATHAM FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

DATE	NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE	STATE OF BIRTH	NAME OF PARENTS	BY WHOM MARRIED
Jan. 15	Wendall D. Moore Deborah A. Roberts	MI NJ	Jerry W. Moore Winnie E. Speaks Sherman D. Roberts Virginia A. Kim	Jane Kelley Justice of the Peace Hampton, NH
Feb. 14	Andrew Louis Andersen Gina Marie Legasse	NY NH	Richard Nicholas Andersen Nancy Lynn Rochette Jon Paul Legasse Rosalee Noto	David L. Snyder Pastor Dover, NH
Mar. 1	Antonio Arujo Salema Lori Beth Israelson	Azores MA	Jose Furtado Salema Laurantina Arujo Sumner Edward Israelson June Louise Kaye	Jodi P. Haskell Justice of the Peace Stratham, NH
Mar. 1	Benjamin Richard Daley Monica Jeanne Hudson	NH NH	Michael Joseph Daley Shirley Ann Scamman Bruce Alward Hudson Florence Denise Proventure	Michael J. Daley Sr. Justice of the Peace Stratham, NH
Apr. 13	Robert J. Bost Susan T. Carney	NH OH	John J. Bost Brenda K. Brown Robert E. Carney Constance L. Willis	Jane Kelley Justice of the Peace Hampton, NH
Apr. 19	Donald Anthony Flood Barbara H. Hoppe	MA NY	Daniel Frances Flood Bertha Anthony John Daniel Hoppe Harriet Agnes Fetter	Andrew M. Gilman Minister Stratham, NH

Apr. 27	Charles Godfrey	OH	Minshall Godfrey Strater Georgia Bailey Cadwalader Peter Dearborn Brewitt Patricia Rose Richard	Vickie L. Lane Justice of the Peace Newmarket, NH
May 24	Brian Joyce	MA	Myles Joyce Maureen O'Connor Donald Robert Brabant Charlene Marie Davis	Maurice J. Rochefort Reverend Exeter, NH
June 4	Mark Souran Manougian	NH	Souran Barter Manougian Marie Lena Latourelle Jay Devon Studebaker Myrtle June White	Joyce A. Rowe Justice of the Peace Stratham, NH
June 6	Harris Clifton Parker	NH	Wendell C. Parker Ruth L. Anderson John O. Wynn Phyllis M. Parr	Kenneth G. Lawrence Reverend Hampton Falls, NH
June 7	Jason Elliot Bryant	NH	Paul Clark Bryant Carol Joyce Cashman Barry Lee Kreider Helen Louise Stewart	Robert W. Lamson Clergyman Portsmouth, NH
June 7	Gregory Billings	MA	Edward Parker Billings Sabbatina Ann Chiminello Thomas Handy Burbank Nancy Jean Thompson	J. Jermain Bodine Pastor Stratham, NH
June 8	Daniel Stephen Jackson	NJ	John Stephen Jackson Roberta Glaser Robert Bruce McAlpine Jr. Emily Jane Henderson	J. Arthur Tufts Justice of the Peace Exeter, NH
	Amanda Leigh McAlpine	NH		

June 15	Michael Douglas Wade Barbara Jean Chesley	IA MA	Roy Cecil Wade Bessie Elizabeth Fister Russell Elwin Chesley Arlene Woodbury Buffington	Wesley M. Odell Rabbi Dover, NH
June 21	Mark Frank Bitomski Lorraine Joyce Paul	NH NH	Frank Augustus Bitomski Jr. Jean Lillian Dewey Richard Carrol Paul Ruth Evelyn Allard	J. Jermain Bodine Minister Stratham, NH
June 21	Robert Edward Brown Laura Jeanne Askham	NH NH	Shirley Vincent Brown Loretta Frances Waleryszak Paul Edward Askham Jeanne Claire Marineau	John V. Moran Priest Rye Beach, NH
July 4	Michael Richard Welts Christine Rogers	NH NH	Charles Richard Welts Madeline Muzzey Robert Asel Rogers Rita A. Ahern	William H. Shaheen Justice of the Peace Dover, NH
July 5	Lindsay Paul Smith Laura Christine Snyder	NH MA	Paul William Smith Joan Ann Lindsay David Armstrong Snyder Joan Loiusa Osborn	Andrew M. Gilman Minister Stratham, NH
July 4	Michael Joseph Wallace III Kelly Joy Custer	MA NH	Michael Joseph Wallace Jr. Elizabeth Della Simoneau James Lewis Custer Joan Shirley Belcher	Patricia A. Wood Justice of the Peace Epping, NH
July 13	John Francis Driscoll Amy Renee Lyons	ME MD	David Francis Driscoll Mary Jeanette Arseneau John Karl Lyons Joann Ada Johnson	Keri Marshall Justice of the Peace E. Kingston, NH

July 19	Darren Paul Coute Eileen Theresa Joyce	MA NY	Robert Cabral Coute Sheila Marie Paul Kevin Michael Joyce Helen Marie West	Gerald R. Belanger R.C. Priest Portsmouth, NH
July 19	Andrew Mackenzie Clarke Andrea King	MA MA	Louis Campbell Clarke Elizabeth Ann Salisbury Thomas Jesse King III Margaret Louise McNamara	Richard K. Clarke Episcopal Priest Leominster, MA
July 23	George Anthony Lemos Barbara Forsberg	MA MA	George Leal Lemos Phyllis Mary Nigro Robert Donald Forsberg Angelika Jossmann	Della P. Gerris Justice of the Peace Seabrook, NH
Aug. 09	Thomas Alan Jamison Nicole Leah Labarge	VT WA	George Arthur Jamison Carol Elizabeth Greenwood Paul Joseph Labarge Gail Sutton Chace	Thomas M Getchell-Lacey Clergyman Melford, NH
Aug. 09	Joseph P. Philbrick Kimberly Anne Coffey	NH NH	Sherman Waldo Philbrick Cheryl Jane Stafford Michael John Coffey Anne Tucker	William P. Gardei Pastor York, ME
Aug. 30	John Vandirbilt McCollett Jr. Helen Kathleen Herring	ME Germany	John Vandirbilt McCollett Beatrice Edith Gilman Raymond Leslie Kennison Nancy Jean Case	William M. Chatman Elder Alton, NH
Sept. 06	Roy James Byrnes Kristine Lee Moynahan	TX NH	Robert John Byrnes Mensie Marie Yarboro Dennis Moynahan Patricia Gail Murphy	J. Jermain Bodine Pastor & Teacher Stratham, NH



Sept. 06	Dean Anthony Perkins Laurelynn Dey Carter	NH NH	Earnest Leroy Perkins Judy Ellen Seavey Bruce Richard Carter Janet Dey Martin	Willard G. Martin Justice of the Peace Sandwich, NH
Sept. 12	Harry Rudolph Rosenblad Marjorie Anne Garvey	NY PA	Richard Rudolph Rosenblad Inez Raghild Rahn Eugene Alloisius Glenney Mabel Rose Williams	Joyce A. Rowe Justice of the Peace Stratham, NH
Sept. 20	Robert Alan Battles Katherine Mary Kehoe	NH MA	Nathan True Battles Diane Lee Margeson Andrew Francis Kehoe Ann Marie Duffy	G. Richard Siener Pastor Exeter, NH
Sept. 20	Frederick Edward Manley Janice Elaine Anzalone	OH RI	Frederick Ralph Manley Marietta Louise Nicoletti Joseph James Boylan Miriam Louise Boardman	Andrew M. Gilman Minister Stratham, NH
Oct. 12	David Milburn Wheatcraft Beri Ferdette Baan	NY CT	Donald Richard Wheatcraft Charlotte Virginia Roberts George Bartholomew Bertolan Baan Annette Madeline Hauck	Donald G. Vedeler Clergy Stratham, NH
Oct. 18	Joseph William Pace Jennifer Anne Strickland	NH NH	Albert Francis Pace Kathryn Ellen Faulkner Ronald Gibson Strickland Annette Rose Amiot	Frederick J. Pennett R. C. Priest Dover, NH
Oct. 25	David George Bartlett Lisa Jo Toussaint	MA ME	George Yates Bartlett Francis Marie April Joseph Henry Cote Guelda Joyce Mullen	Thomas U. Gage Justice of the Peace Exeter, NH

Dec. 6	Scott David Howe Annemarie Noard	PA MA	Bradford Howe Catherine Elaine Crandall David Neil Noard Susan Doreen Pearson	Timothy T. Rich Rector Portsmouth, NH
Dec. 22	Oussay Ma Alhajjiri Nadine Anna Gordon	Amman-Jordan NH	Mohammed Adel Alhajjiri Amneh Rida Nimeh Robert Allen Ross Sandra Jean Trow	Henry R. Chabot Justice of the Peace Kingston, NH
Dec. 24	Perley Dan Rawson Linda Doris Sawyer	NH MA	Verne Edward Rawson II Irene Davey Harold Walter Sawyer Tepsie Villaras	Jane Kelley Justice of the Peace N. Hampton, NH

ANNUAL REPORTS  
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OF  
STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

OFFICERS OF STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

1997-1998

SCHOOL BOARD

Barbara Loh	Term Expires, 1998
Gordon Bailey	Term Expires, 1999
Sandra Rowe	Term Expires, 1999
Elisabeth Gobin	Term Expires, 2000
Robert O'Sullivan	Term Expires, 2000

SUPERINTENDENT

Arthur L. Hanson

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Barbara L. Lobdell

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT  
AND HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER

Paul A. Flynn

PRINCIPAL

Karen Soule

MODERATOR

W. Douglas Scammon, Jr.	Term Expires, 1998
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CLERK

Paula Geppner	Term Expires, 1998
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TREASURER

Paula Cushman	Term Expires, 1998
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AUDITOR

Giordani, Lorti, & Carrigan

SCHOOL NURSE

Judy Lewis

TRUANT OFFICER

Elisabeth Gobin



SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Stratham qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Municipal Center in said District on the tenth day of March, 1998, between the hours of 8:00 o'clock in the morning and 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon for the following purposes:

1. To choose one Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
2. To choose a Moderator for the School District for the ensuing three years.
3. To choose a Clerk for the School District for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the School District for the ensuing three years.

Given under our hands at said Stratham, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1998.

Elizabeth O'Sullivan  
James A. Bous  
Charles Bous  
Barbara S. Fox

Robert O'Sullivan  
School Board of Stratham, NH

A true copy of Warrant – Attest:

Elizabeth O'Sullivan  
James A. Bous  
Charles Bous  
Barbara S. Fox

Robert O'Sullivan

SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT  
1998  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District of Stratham qualified to vote in School District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Stratham Memorial School in said District on the sixth day of March, 1998 at seven o'clock in the evening to act on the following subjects:

1. To see what sum of money the School District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for payment of salaries of School District officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the School District.
2. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
3. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any single subject embraced in this warrant.
4. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Stratham this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1998

Elizabeth Gohou  
Sandra S. Rowe  
Cheryl Baul  
Barbara S. Loh  
Robert O'Sullivan

School Board of Stratham, NH

A true copy of Warrant – Attest:

Elizabeth Gohou  
Sandra S. Rowe  
Cheryl Baul  
Barbara S. Loh

Robert O'Sullivan

CERTIFICATION ON POSTING OF WARRANT

I certify that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 1998, I posted copies of the written Warrant, attested by the Stratham School Board of said District, at the place of meeting within named and a like attested copy at the Stratham Memorial School and the Stratham Post Office, being public places in said pre-existing District.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Elisabeth Gobin, Stratham School Board Chairman

Rockingham, SS

Personally appeared the said \_\_\_\_\_ and made oath that the above certificate signed by him/her is true.

Before me,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER  
for the  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1996 TO JUNE 30, 1997

SUMMARY
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CASH ON HAND JULY 1, 1996 (TREASURER'S BANK BALANCE)		\$226,149.80
<u>RECEIVED FROM SELECTMEN</u>		
CURRENT APPROPRIATION	\$7,418,131.00	
DEFICIT APPROPRIATION	\$0.00	
BALANCE OF PREVIOUS APPROPRIATIONS	\$0.00	
ADVANCE ON NEXT YEARS APPROPRIATION	\$0.00	
<u>REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES</u>	\$177,905.66	
<u>REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES</u>	\$65.22	
<u>RECEIVED FROM TUITIONS</u>	\$7,853.82	
<u>RECEIVED AS INCOME FROM TRUST FUNDS</u>	\$27,000.00	
<u>RECEIVED FROM SALE OF NOTES AND BONDS (PRINCIPAL ONLY)</u>	\$0.00	
<u>RECEIVED FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</u>	\$0.00	
<u>RECEIVED FROM ALL OTHER SOURCES</u>	\$103,062.40	
	<div>TOTAL RECEIPTS</div>	<u>\$7,734,018.10</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (BALANCE & RECEIPTS)		\$7,960,167.90
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID		(\$7,363,921.30)
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 1997 (TREASURER'S BANK BALANCE)		<u>\$596,246.60</u>

JULY 13, 1997  
DATE

PAULA CUSHMAN  
SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER



MANAGEMENT LETTER

OF

STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Year Ended June 30, 1997



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To the School Board:

We have audited the financial statements of Stratham School District for the year ended June 30, 1997, and have issued our report thereon dated October 23, 1997. As a part of our audit, we reviewed and tested the School District's system of internal accounting control to the extent we considered necessary to evaluate the system as required by generally accepted auditing standards. Under these standards the purpose of such evaluation is to establish a basis for reliance thereon in determining the nature, timing and extent of other auditing procedures that are necessary for expressing an opinion on the financial statements.

The objective of internal accounting control is to provide reasonable but not absolute assurance as to the safeguarding of assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and the reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements and maintaining accountability for assets. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that the cost of a system of internal accounting control should not exceed the benefits derived and also recognizes that the evaluation of these factors necessarily requires estimates and judgments by those managing the Stratham School District affairs.

There are inherent limitations that should be recognized in considering the potential effectiveness of any system of internal accounting control. In the performance of most control procedures, errors can result from misunderstanding of instructions, mistakes of judgment, carelessness, or any other of several factors. Control procedures whose effectiveness depends upon segregation of duties can be circumvented intentionally by those managing the Stratham School District affairs with respect to the estimates and judgments required in the preparation of financial statements.

Further projection of any evaluation of internal accounting control to future periods is subject to the risk that the procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions and that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

Our study and evaluation of the Stratham School District system of internal accounting control for the year ended June 30, 1997, which was made for the purpose set forth in the first paragraph above, would not necessarily disclose all weaknesses in the system. However, such study and evaluation disclosed the following conditions that we believe should be corrected as soon as possible.

STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

Internal Accounting Control Recommendations

For the Year Ended June 30, 1997

PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

Property and Equipment (School Board, District Office)

The School District does not maintain records of general fixed assets as a matter of policy. Such assets would consist of such items as: land, buildings, furniture and fixtures, equipment, vehicles, etc. The recording of fixed assets fulfills the stewardship needs to provide for physical and dollar value control, and establishes accountability for capital expenditures over the years.

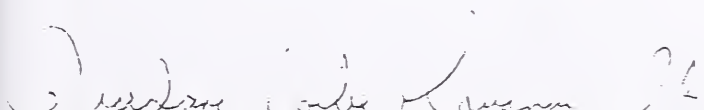
With the recording of fixed assets, the related depreciation could be determined on an annual basis for the purpose of measuring total costs of the School District's services and evaluating the efficiency of programs. This would be particularly true with the food service fund.

We feel very strongly that the institution of the above outlined procedures will lead to more reliable and responsible financial reporting. With government funding being as it is, we know how important reliable financial reporting can be.

We would like to thank everyone involved with the audit for their help and cooperation.

If you have any questions regarding the audit or if we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

  
GIORDANI, LORTIE, & CARIGNAN, PROF. ASSN.  
Certified Public Accountants

Dated: October 23, 1997



Stratham School District 1998-99 Account Detail															
A		B		C		D		E		F		G		H	
	ACCT. NUM.	DESCRIPTION	1995-96 BUDGET	1995-96 ACTUAL	1996-97 BUDGET	1996-97 ACTUAL	1997-98 APPROVED	1998-99 PROPOSED							
1															
2															
3															
4	1100-110	TEACHER SALARIES	1,354,623.00	1,384,356.34	1,411,957.00	1,378,489.89	1,316,609.00	1,382,094.00							
5	1100-112	SUBSTITUTES SALARIES	25,500.00	35,699.07	29,000.00	27,302.00	30,000.00	30,000.00							
6	1100-330	CONT. SVCS. INSTRUCTION	425.00	0.00	425.00	0.00	425.00	425.00							
7	1100-331	SEC. 504 CONT. SERVICES	3,000.00	8,522.14	6,500.00	12,691.05	6,000.00	10,000.00							
8	1100-370	CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	2,000.00	1,068.37	2,000.00	3,241.00	4,000.00	4,000.00							
9	1100-375	CURR. DEV KINDER. SCREENING	800.00	0.00	800.00	1,043.46	800.00	500.00							
10	1100-564	TUITION - JHS	868,400.00	865,845.70	959,300.00	880,065.82	0.00	0.00							
11	1100-565	TUITION - HS	1,619,100.00	1,648,751.96	1,900,800.00	1,749,715.37	0.00	0.00							
12	1100-610	TEACHING SUPPLIES	40,715.00	34,121.36	38,233.00	33,617.53	34,000.00	37,615.00							
13	1100-611	MINI-GRANT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
14	1100-630	TEXTBOOKS	15,386.00	10,670.84	14,003.00	18,407.77	12,475.00	15,735.00							
15	1100-631	WORKBOOKS	1,884.00	1,277.75	2,676.00	2,260.88	6,700.00	11,775.00							
16	1100-640	PERIODICALS	150.00	139.66	150.00	150.00	240.00	235.00							
17	1100-641	AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS	90.00	21.90	500.00	349.63	725.00	176.00							
18	1100-741	ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	651.00	315.67	1,082.00	943.24	5,550.00	14,080.00							
19	1100-742	REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	2,401.00	1,561.39	1,000.00	874.41	0.00	0.00							
20	1100-751	FURNITURE	2,144.00	625.69	5,500.00	4,480.75	5,000.00	500.00							
21															
22		SUBTOTAL-REG. EDUCATION	3,938,269.00	3,992,977.84	4,373,926.00	4,113,632.80	1,422,524.00	1,507,135.00							
23															
24	1200-111	SPED DIRECTOR	49,440.00	49,440.03	51,000.00	51,000.04	53,040.00	53,040.00							
25	1200-113	SP ED SALARIES	199,164.00	187,241.59	214,275.00	216,460.05	222,218.00	205,715.00							
26	1200-115	SP ED SECRETARY	12,686.00	10,890.45	13,067.00	13,006.70	13,587.00	14,404.00							
27	1200-118	SP ED AIDES	132,656.00	133,348.23	135,023.00	147,750.93	187,912.00	135,734.00							
28	1200-119	SPED SUPPORT SERVICES	173,502.00	168,215.00	179,586.00	188,710.44	253,398.00	256,698.00							
29	1200-125	SP ED TUTORS	500.00	53.75	500.00	198.88	500.00	500.00							
30	1200-320	SPED TRAINING	2,500.00	934.80	2,000.00	1,292.40	1,800.00	1,800.00							
31	1200-330	SP ED CONTRACTED SVS	35,280.00	39,835.22	41,220.00	52,073.66	21,024.00	26,280.00							
32	1200-331	SP ED RELATED SVS	44,530.00	23,917.53	35,225.00	32,097.16	26,250.00	20,500.00							
33	1200-532	POSTAGE	550.00	562.00	400.00	384.00	550.00	550.00							
34	1200-561	TUITION-PUBLIC NH	11,150.00	32,711.00	24,750.00	7,160.00	500.00	500.00							
35	1200-569	TUIT PRIVATE-NH	47,300.00	26,324.02	51,100.00	56,488.98	29,000.00	6,000.00							
36	1200-580	TRAVEL	100.00	0.00	100.00	287.54	100.00	100.00							
37	1200-610	SUPPLIES	4,035.00	4,026.23	4,548.00	4,043.37	5,220.00	4,591.00							
38	1200-630	TEXTBOOKS	1,830.00	1,607.13	2,599.00	2,453.80	4,862.00	4,151.00							
39	1200-641	AUDIO-VISUAL	863.00	804.24	1,612.00	1,552.28	1,176.00	2,749.00							
40	1200-741	EQUIPMENT	2,391.00	1,859.23	1,415.00	4,406.29	1,170.00	1,350.00							
41	1200-742	REPLACEMENT EQUIP.	1,419.00	1,746.29	0.00	0.00	338.00	137.00							
42	1200-751	FURNITURE	1,492.00	1,023.63	517.00	461.26	1,565.00	1,338.00							
43															
44	1200	SUBTOTAL-SP. EDUCATION	721,388.00	684,540.37	758,937.00	779,827.78	824,210.00	736,137.00							
45															
46	1400-130	CO-CURRICULAR SALARIES	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,900.00	3,000.00	800.00							
47	1400-610	STUDENT BODY ACT.	5,900.00	5,894.03	5,000.00	9,910.00	5,000.00	3,000.00							
48															
49	1400	SUBTOTAL	8,900.00	8,894.03	8,000.00	12,810.00	8,000.00	3,800.00							
50															



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	ACCT. NUM.	DESCRIPTION	1995-96 BUDGET	1995-96 ACTUAL	1996-97 BUDGET	1996-97 ACTUAL	1997-98 APPROVED	1998-99 PROPOSED							
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66
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2110-111		ATTENDANCE SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	2110	SUBTOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2120-116		GUIDANCE SALARIES	51,134.00	51,134.36	53,952.00	53,843.20	56,892.00	56,732.00							
2120-330		CONTRACTED SVS-GUIDANCE	900.00	809.49	900.00	819.74	1,000.00	2,330.00							
2120-610		SUPPLIES	800.00	124.80	744.00	769.42	700.00	700.00							
2120-630		TEXTBOOKS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
	2120	SUBTOTAL-GUIDANCE	52,834.00	52,068.65	55,596.00	55,432.36	58,592.00	59,762.00							
2130-120		NURSE'S SALARY	33,511.00	33,098.69	36,107.00	36,107.00	36,107.00	36,649.00							
2130-121		NURSE'S ASST.	4,045.00	3,886.19	4,343.00	4,063.98	4,540.00	4,794.00							
2130-330		CONTRACTED SERVICES	300.00	5.00	300.00	112.95	300.00	300.00							
2130-440		REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	65.00	0.00	65.00	0.00	65.00	65.00							
2130-610		SUPPLIES	1,000.00	875.00	1,000.00	981.03	1,000.00	1,000.00							
2130-630		TEXTBOOKS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
2130-741		EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
	2130	SUBTOTAL	38,921.00	37,864.88	41,815.00	41,264.96	42,012.00	42,808.00							
2210-118		AIDES SALARIES	78,932.00	78,245.15	83,382.00	78,779.30	84,494.00	98,821.00							
2210-125		INSTR. STAFF TUTORS	500.00	80.63	500.00	542.90	5,500.00	5,500.00							
2210-270		COURSE REIMBURSEMENTS	19,500.00	24,019.17	23,000.00	26,388.93	23,000.00	23,000.00							
2210-290		CONFERENCES	0.00	172.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
	2210	SUBTOTAL	98,932.00	102,517.70	106,882.00	105,711.13	112,994.00	127,321.00							
2222-117		MEDIA SALARIES	44,649.00	44,649.00	46,035.00	46,035.00	47,410.00	48,180.00							
2222-118		MEDIA - AIDES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
2222-330		CONTRACTED SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
2222-440		MAINTENANCE	2,700.00	1,368.60	2,300.00	1,819.47	2,300.00	2,000.00							
2222-453		FILM RENTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
2222-610		SUPPLIES	1,562.00	1,209.98	1,757.00	1,447.20	1,600.00	1,450.00							
2222-630		LIBRARY BOOKS	5,300.00	5,328.14	2,500.00	2,411.24	4,000.00	4,000.00							
2222-640		PERIODICALS	1,758.00	1,680.08	1,868.00	1,891.46	1,660.00	1,730.00							
2222-641		AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS	5,147.00	178.37	1,394.00	1,504.38	1,200.00	1,200.00							
2222-741		EQUIPMENT	2,744.00	2,546.82	3,200.00	3,350.00	2,200.00	170.00							
2222-742		REPL. EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	680.00							
	2222	SUBTOTAL	63,860.00	56,960.99	59,054.00	58,458.75	60,370.00	59,410.00							



Stratham School District 1998-99 Account Detail

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ACCT. NUM.		DESCRIPTION		1995-96 BUDGET		1995-96 ACTUAL		1996-97 BUDGET		1996-97 ACTUAL		1997-98 APPROVED		1998-99 PROPOSED	
101															
102															
103															
104	2225-110	TECHNOLOGY COORD. SALARY		35,000.00		35,000.00		33,277.00		32,583.75		34,450.00		35,655.00	
105	2225-118	TECHNOLOGY AIDE												6,840.00	
106	2225-440	MISC. REPAIRS		500.00	45.00			500.00		1,028.50		5,000.00		7,400.00	
107	2225-610	SUPPLIES		2,905.00	2,235.46			5,000.00		6,703.35		5,000.00		7,130.00	
108	2225-641	AUDIO VISUAL		300.00	241.68			0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
109	2225-741	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT		18,700.00	13,510.00			5,400.00		8,376.45		6,500.00		5,100.00	
110															
111	2225	SUBTOTAL		57,405.00	51,032.14			44,177.00		48,692.05		50,950.00		62,125.00	
112															
113	2310-111	OFFICER SALARIES		6,300.00	6,300.00			6,300.00		6,250.00		6,300.00		6,300.00	
114															
115	2310-111	SUBTOTAL		6,300.00	6,300.00			6,300.00		6,250.00		6,300.00		6,300.00	
116															
117	2310-300	SCHOOL DIST AUDITOR		4,700.00	4,702.98			4,700.00		4,700.00		4,700.00		4,700.00	
118	2310-351	SAU #16 EXPENSE		91,793.00	91,161.00			98,698.00		98,698.00		60,450.00		74,522.00	
119	2310-352	SPECIAL ED EXPENSE		0.00	0.00			0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
120	2310-353	SLG EXPENSE		1,200.00	0.00			1,200.00		1,120.00		1,200.00		1,200.00	
121	2310-372	LEGAL EXPENSE		9,000.00	670.00			9,000.00		8,670.00		9,000.00		9,000.00	
122	2310-380	SCHOOL BRD EXPENSE		6,000.00	4,942.96			6,600.00		6,600.00		6,600.00		6,600.00	
123															
124	2310	SUBTOTAL		112,693.00	101,476.94			120,198.00		119,788.00		81,950.00		96,022.00	
125															
126	2410-114	PRINCIPAL'S SALARY		55,400.00	53,792.34			58,000.00		55,323.16		61,000.00		63,000.00	
127	2410-121	ASST. PRINCIPAL'S SALARY		46,000.00	45,999.98			48,500.00		48,499.88		51,000.00		52,500.00	
128	2410-115	SECRETARIAL SALARIES		37,865.00	37,886.35			39,663.00		40,101.42		40,904.00		43,871.00	
129	2410-130	FACULTY ADVISORY SALARIES		4,050.00	4,050.00			4,050.00		4,050.00		4,050.00		3,600.00	
130	2410-330	CONTRACTED SVS-ADMIN		7,400.00	3,798.67			11,307.00		9,481.15		12,892.00		13,260.00	
131	2410-440	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE		900.00	1,183.70			900.00		2,534.11		900.00		900.00	
132	2410-531	TELEPHONE		5,000.00	5,733.82			5,600.00		5,730.11		5,700.00		6,800.00	
133	2410-532	POSTAGE		2,000.00	1,930.00			2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00	
134	2410-550	PRINTING		2,000.00	770.00			3,500.00		1,574.50		2,000.00		2,000.00	
135	2410-580	TRAVEL		500.00	295.24			500.00		83.82		500.00		500.00	
136	2410-610	SUPPLIES		8,000.00	7,696.52			9,250.00		8,160.41		5,200.00		5,200.00	
137	2410-751	FURNITURE		0.00	0.00			0.00		0.00		300.00		0.00	
138	2410-741	EQUIPMENT		0.00	0.00			400.00		6,400.09		200.00		200.00	
139	2410-810	DUES/MEMBERSHIPS		800.00	837.94			800.00		800.00		1,100.00		1,300.00	
140	2410-890	MISCELLANEOUS		4,300.00	510.97			4,300.00		3,463.09		4,300.00		4,300.00	
141															
142	2410	SUBTOTAL		174,215.00	164,485.53			188,770.00		188,201.74		192,046.00		199,431.00	
143															
144	2520-111	FISCAL SERVICES		31,817.00	31,817.00			33,810.00		33,810.00		40,539.00		39,552.00	
145															
146	2520	SUBTOTAL		31,817.00	31,817.00			33,810.00		33,810.00		40,539.00		39,552.00	
147															
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			1995-96 BUDGET	1995-96 ACTUAL	1996-97 BUDGET	1996-97 ACTUAL	1997-98 APPROVED	1998-99 PROPOSED	
151									
152									
153	ACCT. NUM.	DESCRIPTION							
154									
155	2540-119	CUSTODIAL SALARIES	28,000.00	28,144.00	28,840.00	28,840.00	30,000.00	31,800.00	
156	2540-122	ASST. CUST. SALARIES	52,788.00	50,600.54	54,276.00	51,985.87	57,021.00	57,650.00	
157	2540-411	L P GAS	950.00	938.71	950.00	950.00	950.00	950.00	
158	2540-412	FUEL OIL	10,000.00	11,292.43	10,000.00	12,328.40	13,000.00	13,000.00	
159	2540-419	ELECTRICITY	50,000.00	49,684.56	48,500.00	53,294.55	50,000.00	54,000.00	
160	2540-440	CONTRACTED MAINTENANCE	12,000.00	11,391.20	12,575.00	12,197.08	13,570.00	34,815.00	
161	2540-521	SMP INSURANCE	15,000.00	10,198.00	12,198.00	8,696.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	
162	2540-522	LIABILITY INSURANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
163	2540-523	TREASURERS BOND	200.00	170.00	200.00	170.00	200.00	200.00	
164	2540-525	INSURANCE VEHICLE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
165	2540-	INSURANCE BOILER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
166	2540-524	INSURANCE NURSE	275.00	211.00	275.00	211.00	275.00	275.00	
167	2540-610	SUPPLIES	11,800.00	12,112.75	13,800.00	13,729.81	12,620.00	13,600.00	
168	2540-741	ADDL. EQUIPMENT	1,000.00	439.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
169	2540-742	REPL. EQUIPMENT	1,200.00	1,038.30	1,100.00	5,060.37	450.00	600.00	
170									
171	2540	SUBTOTAL-OPER. OF PLANT	183,213.00	176,220.49	182,714.00	187,463.08	188,086.00	216,890.00	
172									
173	2543-431	TRASH REMOVAL	4,300.00	3,037.10	4,300.00	2,875.06	4,000.00	4,000.00	
174	2543-432	MOWING	6,750.00	5,985.17	9,650.00	9,711.15	7,550.00	9,050.00	
175									
176	2543	SUBTOTAL	11,050.00	9,022.27	13,950.00	12,586.21	11,550.00	13,050.00	
177									
178	2548-870	CONTINGENCY W/ARTICLE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
179									
180	2548	SUBTOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
181									
182	2552-510	PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	308,591.00	311,871.00	302,191.00	280,683.90	149,582.00	149,582.00	
183									
184	2552	SUBTOTAL	308,591.00	311,871.00	302,191.00	280,683.90	149,582.00	149,582.00	
185									
186	2553-511	SP ED TRANSPORTATION	10,070.00	19,744.88	18,648.00	23,280.49	29,476.00	14,900.00	
187									
188	2553	SUBTOTAL SP ED TRANS	10,070.00	19,744.88	18,648.00	23,280.49	29,476.00	14,900.00	
189									
190	2554-510	FIELD TRIPS	5,000.00	4,981.17	5,800.00	6,564.40	5,800.00	7,255.00	
191									
192	2554	SUBTOTAL FLD TRIPS	5,000.00	4,981.17	5,800.00	6,564.40	5,800.00	7,255.00	
193									
194	2560-570	FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
195									
196	2560	SUBTOTAL FOOD SVC MGMT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
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Stratham School District 1998-99 Account Detail

A		B		C		D	E	F	G	H
ACCT. NUM.		DESCRIPTION		1995-96 BUDGET		1995-96 ACTUAL	1996-97 BUDGET	1996-97 ACTUAL	1997-98 APPROVED	1998-99 PROPOSED
201										
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205	2900-211	HEALTH INSURANCE		249,315.00		233,981.69	254,545.00	240,510.45	267,230.00	361,555.00
206	2900-212	DENTAL INSURANCE		21,919.00		11,494.32	13,066.00	11,977.67	13,944.00	15,106.00
207	2900-213	LIFE INSURANCE		5,665.00		5,137.72	5,848.00	4,937.39	5,598.00	5,565.00
208	2900-214	WORKERS' COMPENSATION		20,956.00		26,999.29	23,901.00	19,257.40	21,996.00	14,240.00
209	2900-221	EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT		2,814.00		657.11	1,049.00	1,014.67	1,233.00	4,010.00
210	2900-222	TEACHERS RETIREMENT		40,107.00		44,056.10	46,733.00	45,587.74	55,206.00	55,530.00
211	2900-230	F.I.C.A.		187,083.00		190,521.98	195,081.00	192,939.60	200,905.00	202,630.00
212	2900-231	DISABILITY INSURANCE		8,010.00		6,364.64	8,302.00	6,498.94	8,327.00	8,423.00
213	2900-260	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.		3,395.00		2,206.84	3,698.00	2,393.29	2,990.00	2,845.00
214										
215	2900	SUBTOTAL		539,264.00		521,419.69	552,223.00	525,117.15	577,429.00	669,904.00
216										
217	4600-730	SITE IMPROVEMENT		2,500.00		1,750.00	42,000.00	40,907.82	2,300.00	6,000.00
218										
219	4600	SUBTOTAL		2,500.00		1,750.00	42,000.00	40,907.82	2,300.00	6,000.00
220										
221	5100-830	DEBT SVS. - PRINCIPAL		460,000.00		460,000.00	455,000.00	455,000.00	455,000.00	450,000.00
222	5100-841	DEBT SVS. - INTEREST		270,595.00		270,595.00	247,715.00	247,715.00	224,363.00	200,500.00
223		DEBT SVC - EAH'S INTEREST		13,000.00		12,665.00	8,316.00	8,178.00	0.00	0.00
224										
225	5100	SUBTOTAL		743,595.00		743,260.00	711,031.00	710,893.00	679,363.00	650,500.00
226										
227		TOTAL		7,108,817.00		7,079,205.57	7,626,022.00	7,351,375.62	4,544,073.00	4,667,884.00
228										
229										
230	2560-570	FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT **		104,000.00		111,628.40	107,848.00	111,741.76	118,030.00	106,200.00
231										
232	2560	SUBTOTAL FOOD SVC MGMT **		104,000.00		111,628.40	107,848.00	111,741.76	118,030.00	106,200.00
233										
234		** As of 1994-95 Food Service is being appropriated at its est. gross amount. This amount will be offset by an equal amount of estimated revenue.								
235										
236		GRAND TOTAL		7,212,817.00		7,190,833.97	7,733,870.00	7,463,117.38	4,662,103.00	4,774,084.00
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STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

1998 - 1999 REVENUE PROJECTION

DESCRIPTION		1996-1997 ACTUAL	1997-1998 ADOPTED	1998-1999 PROPOSED
BALANCE	(ACTUAL OR ESTIMATED)	\$72,319.56	\$362,004.00	\$60,000.00
BUILDING AID		\$112,500.00	\$112,500.00	\$112,500.00
FOUNDATION AID		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CHILD NUTRITION		\$0.00	\$118,030.00	\$106,200.00
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS		\$26,537.04	\$8,000.00	\$8,200.00
TRUST FUNDS AND GIFTS		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CATASTROPHIC AID		\$10,189.86	\$6,294.00	\$1,600.00
TUITION		\$3,753.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,550.00
KINDERGARTEN AID		\$40,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$67,500.00
EXETER REGION CO-OP / BUY-OUT		\$0.00	\$29,759.00	\$29,759.00
CAPTIAL RESERVE TRANSFERS		\$27,463.07	\$0.00	\$0.00
OTHER		\$3,217.50	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>\$295,980.03</b>	<b>\$701,387.00</b>	<b>\$390,309.00</b>
<b><u>DISTRICT ASSESSMENT</u></b>		<b><u>\$7,418,131.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,960,716.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,383,775.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION VOTED OR TO BE VOTED BY DISTRICT</b>		<b>\$7,733,870.00</b>	<b>\$4,662,103.00</b>	<b>\$4,774,084.00</b>

Stratham School District

Teachers and Administrators Under Contract	1997-98 Salaries
Adler, Susan	\$38,347.00
Atherton, Diane	\$33,064.00
August, June	\$47,410.00
Bailey, Janis	\$47,410.00
Batchelder, Laura	\$26,379.00
Bowen-Irish, Tere 60%x	\$25,380.00
Brown, Lisa	\$31,668.00
Caporello, Laurie 60%x	\$28,446.00
Carver Ergin, Sandra	\$36,872.00
Clare, Jennifer	\$47,410.00
Craig, Deborah	\$39,880.00
Driscoll, Meg 30%x	\$13,691.70
Dunnán, Judith	\$47,410.00
Dupuis, Cathy	\$38,347.00
Ellis, Jacqueline 60%x	\$19,932.00
Fosher, Tom	\$51,000.00
Frame, Sue	\$47,410.00
Gagnon, Gail	\$43,937.00
Gagnon, Stephen	\$31,668.00
Gaudet, Christine	\$47,410.00
Gelineau, Charlene	\$45,639.00
Greenberg, Debra	\$38,018.00
Griffith, Diane 60%x	\$27,383.40
Guilbert, Nancy	\$36,555.00
Hadfield, Karen 40%x	\$13,820.80
Hazeltine, Mary Ann	\$34,848.00
Henson, Cathy	\$47,410.00
Hyde, Tracey	\$33,508.00
Jenness, Mary Ann	\$47,410.00
Lee, Donna	\$43,937.00
Lewis, Judy	\$36,107.00
Maher, Donna 50%x	\$21,968.50
Malo, Judy 60%x	\$28,446.00
McPherson, Cynthia	\$47,410.00
Miller, Suzette	\$42,300.00
Mills, Janet	\$47,410.00
Moreno, Laurie 60%x	\$28,446.00
Morrison, Linda	\$40,226.00
Palmer, Mary Ellen 60%x	\$27,383.40
Parsons, Lynn	\$47,410.00
Phinney, Melody	\$42,300.00
Robinson, Patricia	\$36,107.00

Schulz, Patty	\$27,726.00
Soule, Karen	\$61,000.00
Spencer, Frank 80%x	\$37,928.00
Stevens, Gail	\$47,410.00
Stringham, Carol 70%x	\$29,610.00
Tolsma, Judy 60%x	\$21,664.20
Tuveson, Carol	\$39,880.00
Walsh, Paula	\$47,410.00
Wansart, Cathy	\$47,410.00
Warner, Cathy	\$32,219.00
Wigode, Lucinda	\$47,410.00
Young, Carmen	\$53,040.00

SUPERINTENDENT'S PRORATED SALARY  
1996-1997

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BRENTWOOD	\$5,432.00
EAST KINGSTON	\$3,776.00
EXETER	\$45,736.00
KENSINGTON	\$4,224.00
NEWFIELDS	\$3,304.00
STRATHAM	\$17,528.00
	\$80,000.00

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S PRORATED SALARY  
1996-1997

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BRENTWOOD	\$3,938.20
EAST KINGSTON	\$2,737.60
EXETER	\$33,158.60
KENSINGTON	\$3,062.40
NEWFIELDS	\$2,395.40
STRATHAM	\$12,707.80
	\$58,000.00

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S PRORATED SALARY  
1996-1997

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BRENTWOOD	\$2,003.05
EAST KINGSTON	\$1,392.40
EXETER	\$16,865.15
KENSINGTON	\$1,557.60
NEWFIELDS	\$1,218.35
STRATHAM	\$6,463.45
	\$29,500.00



## SAU 16 Report of Administration

Arthur L. Hanson, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

Barbara L. Lobdell  
Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Paul A. Flynn  
Assistant Superintendent of Schools

A major change has occurred in the governance of SAU 16 schools as the Exeter Region Cooperative School District assumed operating responsibility for grades 6-12 on July 1, 1997. The transition has gone very well thanks to the efforts of the Cooperative Board, Building Committee for the new middle-school, administrators and staff. Last year's predictions of the minimal impact on the tax rates to each of the communities with the new Cooperative School District proved to be accurate.

The voters of the Exeter School District will be presented with a bond initiative to refurbish the Lincoln Street Elementary School in order to address air quality, safety concerns and the learning environment. Also, various study committees are meeting to make recommendations for the most efficient utilization of the Junior and Senior High School buildings.

The new middle-level facility being constructed on Guinea Road in Stratham is scheduled to open in the fall of 1998. The construction remains on schedule and the beauty of the setting and the impressiveness of the building find much favor with the people who have had the opportunity to visit the construction site. The middle-level students of SAU 16 will have a facility that will undoubtedly enhance their learning as they enter the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

There is a sense of collaboration with the individual school districts and the agreement to hire a curriculum coordinator SAU wide beginning with the 1998-1999 school year is an important step in this direction. It is paramount that all students in the SAU have a "common" curriculum and a variety of assessment measures to ensure that national, state and local standards are not only being taught, but learned.

Brentwood welcomed Nick Hardy as principal of the Swasey School in August. Nick brings extensive administrative experience to Swasey and the SAU. Also in Brentwood, acting on the Governor's monetary incentives, the citizens voted to eliminate tuition-based kindergarten in October and now fully fund this important program. Kensington, Newfields, and East Kingston are in the process of studying building additions to their facilities in order to address space concerns.

The SAU continues to make efforts to prepare our students technologically as they enter the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. This is an immense endeavor and one that generates lots of dialogue and conversation. I think most people agree, however, that students must be prepared with the various technologies on completion of their public education as they either enter the world of work or post-secondary education. Further agreement exists regarding the importance of providing for technology's authentic expression in the curriculum. Although some individual schools in the SAU have adequate access to technology, as a whole, the SAU technology opportunities are inadequate for students, staff and for use by the various communities. In my opinion, this has to be a priority in the years to come.

The funding of quality education is an emotional issue; indeed it is an expensive proposition. However, there is arguably no mission that is more important to a democracy than an educated citizenry. The SAU Schools need community involvement and support in order to meet the challenges of the next century.

# STRATHAM MEMORIAL SCHOOL

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Karen Soule  
Principal

Thomas J. Fosher  
Assistant Principal

Carmen L. Young  
Special Education Director

As we continue our commitment to preparing our students to be productive, contributing and caring citizens, the Stratham Memorial School Community have developed our goals for students as they move from the elementary into the middle level of their formalized education.

"When students leave the Stratham Memorial School we want each of them to be able to communicate effectively, read with comprehension, effectively speak and listen, accurately compute, problem solve, engage creatively in the arts and apply these skills in their daily lives. Every student will have the opportunity to acquire a core of knowledge, be a motivated learner, develop a sense of well-being and have a commitment to good character before leaving our school."

This is not an easy task, but with the dedicated, caring staff and the support and encouragement of parents and the entire Stratham community every child who leaves the Stratham Memorial School will be ready to face the next challenges in their journey towards lifelong learning.

As part of our continuing efforts to improve our educational programs, this past year saw the community approving the addition of a reading specialist. She has begun to address a number of areas during her first year of the position. Early Literacy has been set as a priority and interventions have included classroom support by the reading specialist, on-going assessment, teacher in-service, parent education through workshops and newsletters, and the establishment of an intensive program for those first grade students in need of additional instructional support.

We are continuing our efforts to review and revise our curriculum working closely with SAU 16 in the area of science. We are also fortunate to have had the SAU 16 School Board approve the funding for a Curriculum Coordinator to assist us in our efforts. Along with this we are currently piloting a new math program that not only meets the SAU 16 curriculum, but also the state frameworks.

This year I am pleased to report that the Stratham Memorial School is once again being recognized as a Blue Ribbon School for its efforts with volunteers from throughout the community. These volunteers support the educational programs of our students in a variety of ways, from helping out at home, volunteering in the classroom, baking for special occasions, and assisting with field trips. Hats off to our volunteer coordinators who have spent countless hours making our volunteer program a valuable component of our school programs. Volunteers coordinate our Math Superstars Program, After-School Enrichment Program, and Math Olympiad.

Many thanks to our PTO for their efforts in bringing Jack Agati from Encouraging Concepts to the Stratham Memorial School for four evenings of workshops. These interactive sessions combined humor with valuable tips that everyone who attended could use right away. In addition through their generosity we have been able to update all of our maps and globes. We are looking forward to another year of working together benefiting all of our students.

We are blessed in Stratham to have a supportive community, a dedicated, caring staff, and parents who value education knowing that it is education that opens the doors to the future for our children. Together we will see that all of our children are the best that they can be. Again thank you for your continuing support of education to our children, our future.

Respectfully Submitted,



Principal Stratham Memorial School



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## Stratham Memorial School Special Education Report

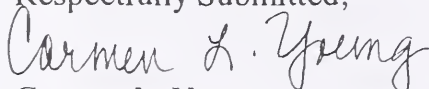
As the school district responds to amendments in the special education law known as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, we are reassured that the practices carried out in Stratham are in line with the changes. Some of these changes include having a classroom teacher as a required member of the team when a child is placed in regular education classes and parents participating as part of the evaluation team. In Stratham, parents and classroom teachers have always participated in all phases of the special education decisions that need to be made for the student.

A study was undertaken by the Stratham School Board to look at how Stratham compares to other districts in terms of the number of eligible students and the service delivery that is carried out. The results show that we are in line with other New Hampshire districts. We have earlier identification of students compared to the state statistics, usually by second grade, and this results in the need for less intense services in the upper elementary grades and may mean an earlier discharge from services. As we strive to focus on early identification for students, we are studying models of early intervention to avoid referrals to special education.

We will have a decrease in the number of special education students in the coming year due to the transisiton of students from fifth and sixth grade to the new Middle School. In response, we will need to decrease educational and support staff. We share the goals for a smooth transition to the Middle School, to review current models to best meet the service delivery for students, to assure that the curriculum sets high standards for students in special education, and to assure that students receive an appropriate educational opportunity. I am confident that the mission set forth by the school district goals is interconnected with the services it will continue to provide for all of its students.

The strength of our special education program lies in our goal to work with parents in an open an ongoing communication to ensure the educational progress of our students.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carmen L. Young  
Director of Special Education



TABLE I  
STRATHAM PUPILS  
TOTAL ENROLLMENT JANUARY 1, 1998

	<u>Pre</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Total</u>
Memorial K-5	17	97	102	98	102	101	100	617
1997 K-5 Comparisons	<u>19</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>587</u>

TABLE II  
STRATHAM MEMORIAL SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE  
FOR 1996-1997

Matthew Brann	Ryan Grace	Daniel Noyes
Hannah Caporello	Amanda Gray	Kimberly Plue
Nathaniel Cilley	Megan Healy	Scott Prince
Samantha Corti	Kevin Hiera	Marran Ranks
Adam Crosby	Timothy Hiera	Graham Ranks
Nicholas Delcambre	Samantha Hodgdon	Nicolle Reed
Maggie Durham	Tyler Joosten	Connor Shannon
Grethen Engle	Matt Lapointe	Alexandra Snow
Bryan French	Brian LeBlanc	Jordan Tymann
Keith Girard	Stephanie LeBlanc	Chelsea Vandewater
Ashley Goodridge	Jeromy Lyman	Megan Wark

**SAU #16 CALENDAR**  
1998-1999

**SEPTEMBER** - 19

<u>31</u>	<u>1</u>	2	3	<u>4</u>
<u>7</u>	8	9	10	<u>11</u>
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

- \* 31-1 Teacher Inservice
- \* 4<sup>th</sup> No school
- \* 7<sup>th</sup> - Labor Day - No school

**OCTOBER** - 21

			1	2
5	6	7	8	<u>9</u>
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

- \* 9<sup>th</sup> Teacher Convention -No school

**NOVEMBER** - 18

2	3	4	5	6
9	10	<u>11</u>	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>
30				

- \* 11<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Day - No school
- \* 25<sup>th</sup> 4 hour day
- \* 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Holiday

**DECEMBER** - 17

	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	

- \* 23<sup>rd</sup> - 4 hour day
- \* 24<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> Christmas Vacation - No school

**JANUARY** - 18

				<u>1</u>
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	<u>15</u>
<u>18</u>	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

- \* 1<sup>st</sup> New Years Day - No school
- \* 15<sup>th</sup> Teacher Inservice - No school
- \* 18<sup>th</sup> Civil Rights Day - No school

**FEBRUARY** - 15

1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>

- \* Winter recess 22<sup>nd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> -No school

**MARCH** - 22

1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	<u>19</u>
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

- \* 19<sup>th</sup> SAU Inservice Day - No school

**APRIL** -17

			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>

- \* 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Spring Recess - No school

**MAY** - 20

3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
<u>31</u>				

- \* 31<sup>st</sup> Memorial Day - No school

**JUNE** - 13

	1	2	3	4
<u>7</u>	8	9	10	<u>11</u>
14	15	16	<u>17</u>	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

- \* 7<sup>th</sup> SST Cert. Ceremony
- \* 11<sup>th</sup> EHS Commencement
- \* 17<sup>th</sup> Last day for Students

180 Student days

Saturdays, an extension of the school year in June, or April vacation may be used to make up cancellation days. If the April vacation is to be affected, the decision will be made by March 1, 1999.

## STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Moderator, W. Douglas Scamman, Jr.

The Moderator recognized Brownie Troop #272 to lead the pledge of allegiance.

The Moderator noted that he does not recognize motions to lay an article on the table. He also noted that he will read only the beginning of the warrant, and then read each article as they come up for a vote.

Article 1 To see what sum of money the School District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for payment of salaries of School District officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the School District.

The Moderator recognized Sandy Rowe, Board chairperson. Mrs. Rowe moved to raise and appropriate \$4,591,103.00. Seconded by Mr. Bailey.

Mrs. Rowe introduced the School Board members and the administration of SAU #16 and Stratham Memorial School. She thanked the Financial Advisory Committee for their work and assistance on the budget. She noted that the Board, FAC and administration developed the budget keeping tax dollars and the new Co-Op in mind. The budget is down approximately \$3 million due to the Co-Op. Mrs. Rowe then gave an overview of the budget, highlighting certain areas. She explained the responsibilities of the reading specialist to be added to the staff. Special education increases are due largely to new families moving into town causing increases in aide time, speech, OT, etc. Areas, such as teacher salaries, SAU expenses, and transportation are down due to the Co-Op. Mrs. Rowe asked if there were any questions.

The Moderator repeated the article to being discussed. He then recognized Janet Prior, chairperson of the Financial Advisory Committee. Mrs. Prior said that the committee endorses the hiring of a reading specialist and endorses the budget.

The Moderator asked if there were any questions. He then asked for the vote. The vote passed, all in favor with no votes against.

The Moderator then read Article 2. To see if the School District will vote to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with the Stratham Teachers Association (the union representing the teachers in the School District schools) covering the two year period from September 1, 1997 to August 31, 1999, and approve the cost items included therein containing, in summary: continuation of existing non-salary benefits with the following changes: health insurance coverage continues but teachers shall have a choice between two plans and, for the 1997-1998 year, teachers shall pay 5% of the premium for the more expensive plan and none of the premium for the less expensive plan, and, for the 1998-1999 year, teachers shall pay 7% of the premium for



the more expensive plan and 3% of the premium for the less expensive plan; and the following salary increase schedule; 1997-1998 year - no increase in salaries except for increases in the twelfth step ranging from 3% to 3.3%, but with step increases otherwise provided at the same rates as the 1996-1997 year; and 1998-1999 year - 1.5% increase over the 1997-1998 rates except for the twelfth step which has a 1.6% increase.

The approximate increase in the cost of teacher salaries because of this agreement and step increases for each of the two years (subject to change resulting from changes in the number of and in the educational degrees and years of experience of teachers employed) over the preceding year will be: \$71,000.00 for the 1997-1998 year; and \$68,000.00 for the 1998-1999 year.

And, further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$71,000.00 for the 1997-1998 year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and salary related benefits over those included as part of the 1997-1998 budget.

The Moderator recognized Gordon Bailey. Mr. Bailey moved to accept Article 2 as written. Liz Gobin seconded the motion.

Mr. Bailey explained the negotiation process. Negotiations were done between staff representatives and the Board without facilitators. The percentage for the first year is 3.7% for the total increase including benefits and 3.3% for just the salary increase. The second year percentage is 3.4% for the total and 3.1% for wages only. He noted that the Board can now, with staff approval, negotiate with multiple insurance companies.

The Moderator reread the motion asking that \$71,000.00 for 1997-1998 and \$68,000 for the 1998-1999 year be appropriated. He asked if there were any questions.

The Moderator recognized John Sapienza of Raeder Drive. Mr. Sapienza stated that he remembered two years ago at the Special District Meeting that the teachers would pay a percentage of the insurance premiums. Mr. Bailey explained that in current contract the teachers are paying a fixed dollar amount which amounted to about 5%. In the new contract teachers will be paying a fixed percentage. In the first year, the teachers will have two plans to choose from and will pay 5% for the more expensive of the two plans. In the second year, they will pay 7% of the more expensive plan and 3% of the less expensive.

The Moderator repeated the article and asked for any further questions. He then asked for the vote. The article passed with one vote against.

The Moderator read Article 3. To see if the School District will revoke the Tuition Trust Fund established at the 1993 annual meeting whereupon the trustees of the trust funds shall pay the balance in that account to the school district treasurer.

The Moderator recognized Liz Gobin. Mrs. Gobin moved to approve Article 3 as written. Seconded by Jeff Hebert.



Mrs. Gobin explained what the Tuition Trust Fund is and the reasons for closing the account. The account is unnecessary due to the establishment of the Co-Op.

The Moderator asked for any questions. There were none. He then called for the vote. The vote passed all in favor.

Article 4. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto. The Moderator stated there were no reports under Article 4.

Article 5. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any single subject embraced in this Warrant. The Moderator called for any reports. There were none.

Article 6. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting. The Moderator asked if there was any other business to transact.

The Moderator noted that there was a Co-Op School District report in a box at the exit.

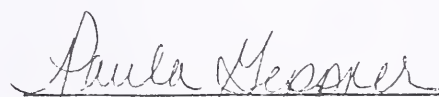
Mr. Bailey spoke of the history of the five member board with Lucy (Smith) Cushman and himself coming onto the Board at that time. He noted that Mrs. Cushman has chosen not to run for re-election to the Stratham Board in order to continue working on the Co-Op Board. Mr. Bailey thanked her for all her work on both boards and presented her with a plaque thanking her for her dedication during her term on the Stratham Board.

Mrs. Cushman spoke on her years on the Board and thanked everyone and noted that Stratham Memorial is a wonderful school.

The Moderator noted that Mrs. Cushman worked very hard on helping to establish the co-operative district as well. He then reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, March 11. The poles will be open from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the Municipal Center. The Co-Op District Meeting will be held at Talbot Gym in Exeter on Saturday, March 15.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

  
Paula Geppner, School District Clerk

# School Administrative Union 16

## FY 99 Budget

Line	Item Description	Budget, 1996-1997	Budget, 1997-1998	Budget, 1998-1999
	<b>Central Administration</b>			
4	Superintendent	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 83,000.00	\$ 87,000.00
5	Asst. Superintendent (1.0)	\$ 56,750.00	\$ 69,000.00	\$ 72,500.00
6	Asst. Superintendent (0.5)	\$ 28,600.00	\$ 34,500.00	\$ 36,250.00
7	Human Resources Man. (0.5)	\$ 28,600.00	\$ 34,500.00	\$ 36,250.00
8	Systems Administrator -Technology	0	0	
9	Curriculum Coordinator	0	0	\$ 50,000.00
10	Secretaries Salaries (3.0)	\$ 78,627.00	\$ 67,527.00	\$ 69,984.00
11	Supplemental Salaries (Subs)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
12	Treasurer + SAU Minutes	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
13	Fiscal Services Manager (9%)	\$ 3,647.00	\$ 3,610.00	\$ 3,736.00
14	Payroll Clerk (9%)	\$ 1,860.00	\$ 2,275.00	\$ 2,355.00
15	Blue Cross	\$ 28,235.00	\$ 31,590.00	\$ 34,920.00
16	Dental Insurance	\$ 585.00	\$ 1,346.00	\$ 2,355.00
17	Life Insurance	\$ 660.00	\$ 972.00	\$ 1,437.00
18	Disability Insurance	\$ 1,740.00	\$ 1,422.00	\$ 1,500.00
19	Worker Compensation	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
20	Retirement (4.282%)	\$ 9,066.00	\$ 5,001.00	\$ 14,009.00
29	FICA (.0765)	\$ 21,274.00	\$ 9,308.00	\$ 25,305.00
22	Unemployment	\$ 420.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 420.00
29	Conferences	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,500.00
28	Course Reimbursement	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
25	Staff Training	\$ 200.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,500.00
26	Audit Expenses	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
28	Legal Expenses	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
28	Rent	\$ 21,944.00	\$ 22,602.00	\$ 23,500.00
29	Errors and Omissions	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
30	Telephone	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 8,150.00
31	Travel	\$ 4,860.00	\$ 4,860.00	\$ 7,200.00
32	Supplies	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,500.00
33	Postage Meter	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
34	Equipment	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
35	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,250.00
36	Contingency	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
37	Custodial (Contract. Ser)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,700.00
38	Repair & Maintenance	\$ 7,900.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
39	Property Insurance	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00
40	Superintendent's Search	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
41	<b>SAU Admin &amp; Supplies</b>	\$ 470,468.00	\$ 455,633.00	\$ 555,821.00
42	Surplus	\$ (20,000.00)	\$ -	
43	<b>Total</b>	\$ <b>450,468.00</b>	\$ <b>455,633.00</b>	\$ <b>555,821.00</b>
44	<b>Fiscal Services Budget</b>			
45	Fiscal Services Manager	\$ 31,750.00	\$ 32,487.00	\$ 33,625.00
46	Payroll Clerk	\$ 16,740.00	\$ 20,475.00	\$ 21,192.00
47	Payroll Services	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
48	Payroll Supplies	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
49	Blue Cross (90%)	\$ 11,520.00	\$ 10,008.00	\$ 10,508.00
50	Dental Insurance (90%)	\$ 333.00	\$ 391.00	\$ 411.00
51	Life Insurance	\$ 126.00	\$ 108.00	\$ 108.00
52	Disability Insurance	\$ 400.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 315.00
50	Workers Comp.	\$ 400.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 446.00
54	Retirement	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 2,177.00	\$ 2,347.00
55	FICA	\$ 3,696.00	\$ 4,052.00	\$ 4,194.00
56	Unemployment	\$ 95.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
57	Conferences	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
58	Insurance Bond	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
59	Telephone	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
60	Repair & Maintenance	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
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62	<b>Fiscal Services Budget</b>	\$ <b>73,835.00</b>	\$ <b>73,835.00</b>	\$ <b>78,146.00</b>

### Central Administration Budget

Town	1996 Equalized Val.	Valuation Percentage	# Pupils ADM 96	Pupil %	Combined Percentage	98-99 District Share
Brentwood	\$ 67,188,620.00	4.50%	185.4	4.13%	4.31%	\$ 23,977.42
E.Kingston	\$ 50,195,866.00	3.36%	134.9	3.00%	3.18%	\$ 17,689.86
Exeter	\$ 314,791,476.00	21.08%	1119.2	24.92%	23.00%	\$ 127,843.28
Kensington	\$ 47,238,063.00	3.16%	128.5	2.86%	3.01%	\$ 16,743.33
Newfields	\$ 45,535,847.00	3.05%	94.9	2.11%	2.58%	\$ 14,347.41
Stratham	\$ 213,782,457.00	14.32%	561.3	12.50%	13.41%	\$ 74,521.59
Co-Op	\$ 754,437,816.00	50.5%	2267.06	50.48%	50.50%	\$ 280,698.11
Districts Costs 1998-1999	\$ 1,493,170,145.00		4491.26		100.00%	\$ 555,821.00

### Fiscal Services Administration Budget

Town	1996 Equalized Val.	Valuation Percentage	# Pupils ADM 96	Pupil %	Combined Percentage	98-99 District Share
Brentwood	\$ 67,188,620.00	15.85%	185.4	16.78%	16.31%	\$ 12,748.29
E.Kingston	\$ 50,195,866.00	11.84%	134.9	12.21%	12.02%	\$ 9,396.45
Kensington	\$ 47,238,063.00	11.14%	128.5	11.63%	11.39%	\$ 8,897.53
Newfields	\$ 45,535,847.00	10.74%	94.9	8.59%	9.66%	\$ 7,552.55
Stratham	\$ 213,782,457.00	50.43%	561.3	50.80%	50.61%	\$ 39,551.18
	\$ 423,940,853.00	100.00%	1105	100.00%	100.00%	\$ 78,146.00

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